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**Argentina captain
DANIEL PASSARELLA on
The World Champions' friendly with
Scotland at Hampden Park**

Argentina skipper Daniel Passarella with the Scotland shirt he exchanged after the 1977 friendly in Buenos Aires.

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European Championship

NORWAY manager Tor Fossen hopes his side's run of bad luck will come to an end against Scotland in Oslo. He says: "In Belgium, we drew 1-1, but should have won. We had a goal ruled offside, but there was nothing wrong with it. At Hampden Park, we led with just seven minutes to go, but Scotland fought back to win. Now, in Oslo against Portugal a few weeks ago we were all over them. They crossed the halfway line once and scored. Norway completely dominated the game."

Scotland, of course, **MUST** win next week to have any chance of qualifying for the Finals of the European Championship.

"I'd say Portugal are the

'Our morale is high'

Norwegian manager TOR FOSSEN

favourites," says Fossen. "They have dropped just one point so far and can afford to play defensively and even drop a point. Scotland have still to play Belgium, Portugal and Austria at Hampden, so they can't be written off."

"Austria have impressed me the most. We played them in the first match of the group, soon after the World Cup. Now I believe they are not so good, though."

Despite losing to two late goals in Glasgow, Fossen concedes Scotland weren't exactly lucky to win.

"Naturally it was very disappointing for Norway to lose in such circumstances. Even so, Scotland had a lot of the game and deserved something."

"They are difficult opponents for anyone, because they have strengths which are hard to counter. They are particularly strong in the air. I like Kenny Dalglish, a world-class player. Andy Gray, when fit, isn't someone opponents like to see near their goal, while in midfield Archie Gemmill and Graeme

ENGLAND, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales are in action in the European Championship again this week. They tackle the next stage in their bids to qualify for the Quarter-Finals. All the games are away from home, and every team is under pressure to win. Scotland warm up for their game with an imagination-grabbing friendly against World Cup winners Argentina in Glasgow. We set the scenes for all five matches by featuring the views of personalities involved.

Norway v Scotland, Oslo, June 7th

Souness impress. Scotland are lucky to have someone like Gordon McQueen, who is dangerous in defence and attack. I'd say Scotland's main strength is quite simply the quality of their players.

"Like most people, I was a little surprised at their World Cup form, although I knew Peru would be better than many thought. Scotland were unfortunate to meet Peru in the first game. Peru had nothing to lose and were underrated."

Fossen, who also manages the Norwegian Olympics soccer team, has a problem in trying to motivate his players after collecting just one point so far.

"My players have worked extremely hard, but we have a high morale and I'm sure we can lift ourselves. If the weather is fine, we should have a crowd of around 20,000. Good by our standards."

While Fossen is hoping for a change in Norway's luck, he also hopes referees will give his team a better deal.

"I have the impression we are not taken seriously as a soccer country by opponents or officials. For example, we seem to have goals disallowed that other sides score. If a decision is doubtful it always goes against us, whereas larger soccer nations have better luck."

'We'll be happy to attack'
JOE JORDAN, Scotland

"UNLESS we can beat Norway in Oslo on June 7th, Scotland can forget all about appearing in the Finals of the European Championship next year."

That typically blunt statement from Scotland and Manchester United striker Joe Jordan, sums up perfectly the most important match Scotland have faced since the World Cup Finals in Argentina.

One look at the situation in the European Championship Group Two shows why the Oslo clash is so vital.

With three matches played, Scotland have only two points, that's five less than the Group leaders Portugal.

With only one country to qualify for the final stages in Italy next summer, it's obvious Scotland must win in Norway to retain any hope.

"We know what we've got to do in Oslo," says Joe. "The onus is on Scotland to take the game to Norway and that suits us fine."

"It's never been Scotland's style to sit back and contain teams, so we'll be happy going out to attack."

"And remember, Scotland have been in this situation before, of having to win games to qualify for major competitions... and look what happened."

Jordan himself played a vital part in two "crunch" matches both in World Cup-ties.

At Hampden Park in 1973, he came on as substitute and scored the winning goal against Czechoslovakia which enabled Scotland to reach the 1974 World Cup Finals.

Four years later, Joe was involved in that controversial penalty against Wales at Anfield, the match which clinched Scotland's place in last year's Finals in Argentina.

"I admit Portugal are in a very strong position in our group, but if we get a result in Norway then, with home games to come, Scotland would be back in the picture."

"I didn't play when Norway last met Scotland, at Hampden in October last year. I was substitute."

"Although Scotland won 3-2, I was surprised and impressed by the Norwegians. I thought they were extremely well-organised and perhaps a little unlucky on the night."

"The fact they are bottom of the group at the moment, and with no chance of qualifying, will make no difference to their attitude for our game in Oslo."

"They will be trying to win, make no mistake about that."

Five days before the Norway game, Scotland meet World Champions Argentina in a friendly at Hampden Park.

"The Argentina match has created a lot of interest among Scotsmen, players and supporters alike," says Joe.

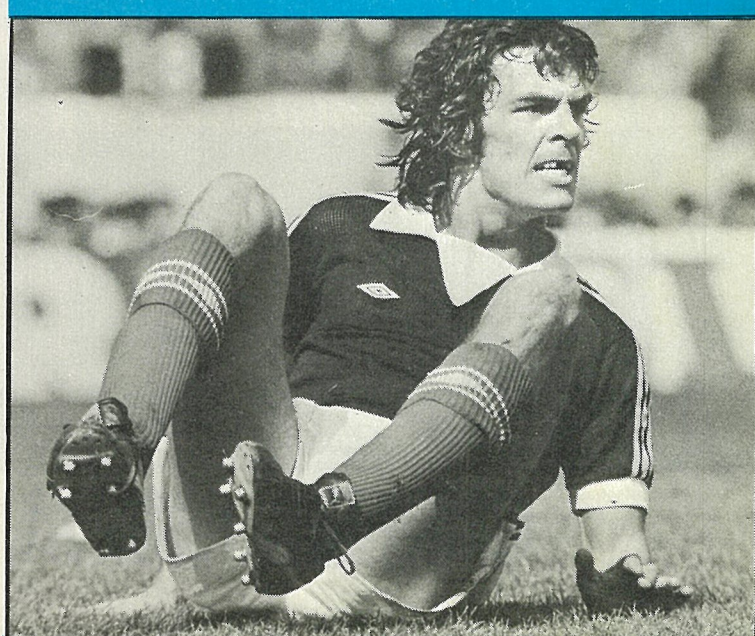
"It may only be a friendly, but because they are World Champions, it's a bit special."

"Victory for Scotland would obviously give us a great deal of confidence for the game in Norway."

"How do I see both going? I honestly believe Scotland can win them both!"



Norway (light strip) under pressure during Scotland's 3-2 win at Hampden.



European Championship

ODDLY, Wales' trip to Malta is likely to be an uncomfortable one. Everyone expects them to win by a street, but experience has shown that the Maltese are no push-overs on their home ground, and England, Austria and East and West Germany have been happy to scrape 1-0 wins in recent years — and in the European Championship the West Germans (who won 2-0 in Wales) could do no better than a 0-0 draw. Their 27-year-old midfield star, Rainer Bonhof (below, right) explains why it's difficult to get a good result in Malta...

'It won't be easy for Wales' — West Germany's **RAINER BONHOF**

"It isn't an easy fixture these days, and the Welsh mustn't make the trip thinking they're automatic winners. In theory, Wales are superior to the Maltese, as they proved with that 7-0 win last October, but there are other factors to be taken into account. In Malta, the big problem is the playing surface. As you've probably heard, there isn't a blade of grass on the pitch in the Gzira Stadium and the bare earth is littered with potholes. This immediately makes it difficult for players from countries like Germany and Britain, where even the humblest amateur clubs have better pitches. The irregular bounce means that you have to concentrate 100 per cent on controlling the ball, and you daren't look up to see where team-mates are until the ball is under control at your feet.

"Of course, the Maltese have the

MALTA v. WALES, June 2nd

advantage in that they *always* play on this surface. Maltese League games are played in the stadium, so every player in the national team is virtually playing on his home ground! Of course, given time, you'd even get used to the pitch but, as it's the only stadium in Malta it's in more or less constant use, and it's difficult for visiting teams to book in for extra training sessions before the match.

"Another factor is that, unless I'm mistaken, the stadium hasn't got any floodlights, so all games have to be played in the afternoon. And at this time of the year, that isn't funny for Northern Europeans because it can get very, very hot in the dusty stadium. I think that when we played there once before the temperature on the pitch was 43 degrees C (109 F)!

"Having said all that, let's be fair to the Maltese players, too, because some of them can play a bit. One or two of them are really good, and I was especially impressed with their goalkeeper.

"Anyway, what with one thing and another you can take my word for it that it'll be a good result if Wales win in Malta and I can promise them it won't be as easy as everyone thinks!"

Malta's confidence is still high following their good display against the Germans and their "moral victory" in losing just 1-0 in Turkey.

Following their 0-2 defeat by West Germany in Wrexham, Wales MUST collect both points in Malta to keep their European Championship hopes alive.

The big question is: can Wales succeed where the 1974 World Champions "failed"?

NO one has ever doubted Wales manager Mike Smith is a handy man when it comes to using words to put across his tactical views now he is employing his camera, too! Anxious to sweep away all the fears about the notorious Gzira Stadium where Wales face Malta, the inventive Smith turned photographer.

"You can't tell everything from a picture but at least they proved to

'Our winter will help us'

— **BRIAN FLYNN**

us that the surface is flat," says Brian Flynn. "That's the biggest worry from our point of view because at least it means we can control the ball and distribute it with reasonable accuracy."

If Wales fail to beat Malta, their hopes of qualifying for the final stages of the European Championship are virtually at an end. The recent defeat by West Germany at Wrexham has made Jupp Derwall's side strong favourites to win group seven — but Wales aren't finished yet.

"If we win in Malta, we immediately pull back a point on the Germans because they were held 0-0 there. That will give us tremendous confidence for the return match in Cologne and, before anyone starts to write us off, they should remember one fact; twice we've played West Germany over there and we've yet to lose," says Flynn.

"Both games were drawn and we had enough of the play to win in Dortmund 18 months ago. If we do that well — at least — again we then go to Turkey with everything to play for in the final qualifying match, because the Germans were held 0-0 there too."

That is why June in Malta is absolutely critical for Wales... and why Smith has gone to immense lengths to banish any apprehension in the minds of his players about the state of the Gzira pitch.

For the clash with Malta, Smith places great emphasis on the outstanding ball players in his side and particularly on Flynn. The quick, mobile style of the key midfield player must emerge as a vital factor if Wales are to produce the win that is demanded from this trip to the Mediterranean island.

"Strangely enough, although the climatic conditions will be in the opposite extreme, this match takes me back to our winter," says Flynn. "The pitch will be hard and flat, just the same conditions as we experienced in mid-winter on our frozen surfaces."

Flynn was badly missed in the setback against West Germany. He pulled out the day before the game through injury and admits: "I felt terrible. I sat in the stand just wishing I could get out there. It was the game I had been looking forward to for months, the big one."

"We know from the way we played against West Germany in Dortmund shortly before the World Cup Finals, that we are every bit as good. They won't play like that again — and we won't let them. In Malta, we will start putting the situation to rights."

"I thought, too, that our football was great for the first 25 minutes against Germany. It proved we've got nothing to worry about in terms of ability, but certainly something to work on and get right."

Wales scored seven goals when they murdered the Maltese at Wrexham in the opening match of group seven but know the opposition will be very much tougher in Gzira. "A win, by any score, is the only priority. Then we can go after the Germans knowing we've achieved something that they failed at," adds Flynn.



AS I looked around the Anfield dressing-room after Liverpool's win over Aston Villa, which brought the club its new record 11th Championship win, I realised that I was the only player who had been in the team on the corresponding occasion in 1973, when I picked up the first of my four League medals.

Steve Heighway was substitute for both title-clinching games.

It gave me tremendous satisfaction, at the same time reminding me that nothing lasts forever.

You learn to live for the moment in a game notorious for its sudden, unexpected changes of fortune. I savoured every glorious minute of a night that has joined many others in the Clemence store of memories.

The celebrations lasted until the wee small hours of the morning as we toasted our success in champagne.

There's undoubtedly more glamour in winning a Cup, but there's nothing to equal the professional pride you feel after slogging through a punishing series of 42 games, in all sorts of weathers, to emerge undisputedly the best team in the land.

It's been a season of record-

tingham Forest hasn't been plain sailing right from the very first kick-off. As usual, we went through a difficult patch around November-December, when we lost away to Arsenal and Bristol City, but were able to stay at the top or thereabouts because we'd got off to a marvellous, points-gathering start.

Christmas was the real turning point. We began playing with such consistency that none of our challengers got the chance to take over the lead.

After being knocked-out in the F.A. Cup Semi-Final replay by Manchester United, the losing Finalists, the side showed its true character. Lesser teams would have become demoralised, allowed their chins to drop, and played dispiritedly in the following League games. At Liverpool we just gritted our teeth and got down to business again.

This is where the backroom staff also showed their value to the club. Manager Bob Paisley and his "boot-room boys" helped to put us back on the track to the Championship.

Every player at the club has a bad spell at one time or another. Even Kenny Dalglish, who started the season with a flurry of goals, only to

strike a barren patch when the ball just wouldn't go into the net.

It was then that Kenny was directed to return to the basics of the game, to cut out any elaborate touches and to play simply. This is the drill whenever any of us falls below par.

My confidence took a knock after losing my England place for the friendly at Wembley against Czechoslovakia, as did that of my team-mate, right-back Phil Neal, whose fine previous performances were forgotten by the Press when they applauded the introduction of Nottingham Forest's Viv Anderson.

Phil recovered his form so well that I'll argue with anybody he's the best right-back in Britain. His two brilliant goals in our penultimate home League match at Anfield against Southampton secured us the two points.

On the opposite flank, at left-back Alan Kennedy ended the season having firmly established his right to the position. It's no secret that Alan, signed in the close season from Newcastle, had struggled to slot into the Liverpool system.

He tended to favour the long pass upfield for forwards to chase, and

whereas we do use this at times, we generally prefer to build our attacks by working the ball up with short passes.

However, like Ray Kennedy and Terry McDermott before him, he looked and learned from the sidelines, and now fits into the unique Liverpool mould.

Alan opened the scoring against Aston Villa, after less than a minute's play, simply by being in the right place at the right time. Terry sent in a shot. The ball rebounded, hit Alan, and rebounded again — into the net!

Alan Hansen has completed his first full season with full marks, after ridding himself of a tendency to lose concentration. He's probably been our most consistent player.

But the outstanding player is undoubtedly Kenny, who was rewarded with the "Footballer of the Year" trophy, to join an illustrious line of "greats" including Emlyn Hughes, Kevin Keegan and Ian Callaghan.

Then there's our own "manager of the year" Bob Paisley, a shy, modest man whose career reads like something out of a storybook. A former player with the club who continued the work begun by our previous manager, Bill Shankly, and has taken us through a string of successes, including two European Cup wins.

It was fitting that on the very day he completed 40 years' service at Anfield we should achieve our record 11th Championship.

After our win over Aston Villa, a lap of honour was called for

'LIVERPOOL'S RECORD-BUSTING ELEVENTH CHAMPIONSHIP'

busting at Anfield, for the club and some of the individuals concerned.

Not being good at figures, I rely on the game's statisticians to supply me with details of my personal achievements. Apparently I have now clocked up over 300 clean sheets with Liverpool, and last season let in only four League goals at Anfield, when the previous best for a Liverpool 'keeper was six.

Not that I'm taking full credit for such a remarkably low total of "goals against". Most of it should go to the red shirts in front of me. And by that I don't just mean the defenders because every player, including Kenny Dalglish, has been involved in guarding our goal.

The pressure on me was more severe than usual, owing to the campaign mounted against me by certain football-writers, who favour my replacement in the England goal by my friendly rival, Peter Shilton of Nottingham Forest.

And the best argument to use against critics is to work ever harder at your game.

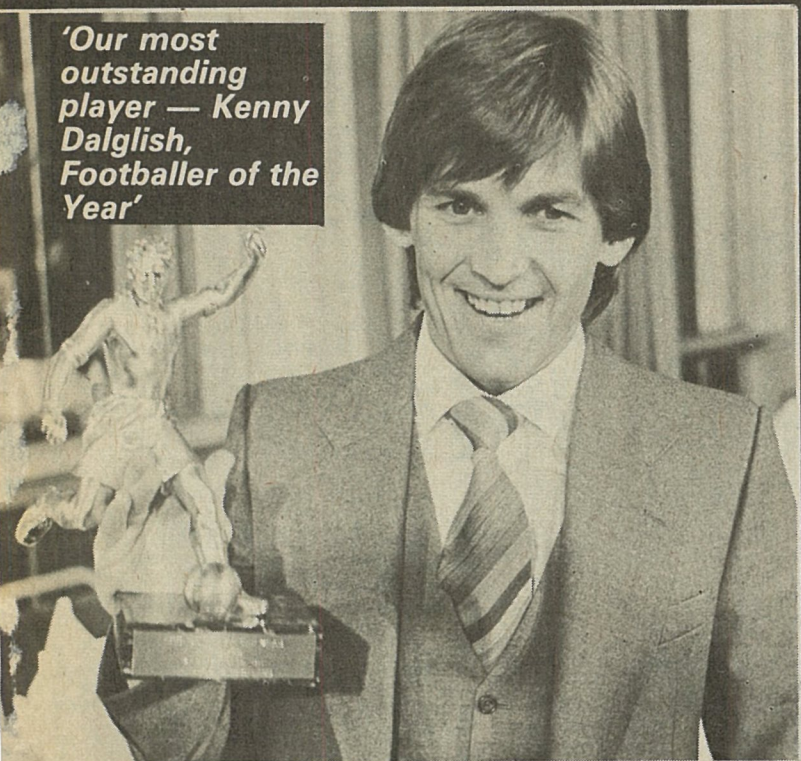
Another fact of which I'm proud is that in my ten years in the first team I've been "ever-present" many times and missed only around six games in all competitions during that period.

Taking the League title from Not-

RAY CLEMENCE
talking soccer



'Our most outstanding player — Kenny Dalglish, Footballer of the Year'



because although we still had two League games to play, this was our final appearance of the season on our home ground. Unfortunately, we couldn't parade the trophy itself. It was a pity someone at the Football League lacked the foresight to have it brought along for the occasion. I don't suppose Forest would have minded parting with it a few days early.

Once again we were astounded at the ear-shattering, delirious ovation from our fans. They never get tired of us winning things. Every time they treat it like the first!

Predominant amongst their chants was the cry of "Paisley — Paisley". And where was this reluctant hero? In the dressing-room,

in Sofia against Bulgaria.

So far the Bulgars have done poorly. They lost 2-0 in Belfast against Northern Ireland. After this defeat their coach offered a friend of mine the excuse they had not fielded their strongest team because they regarded a forthcoming Olympic qualifying game with Czechoslovakia as more important and were saving their best players for it.

I can't believe their strongest team is much better than the one that flopped in Belfast on the evidence that they lost four-nil to the Czechs!

However, we won't be underestimating the Bulgars because we know from experience that teams

'We know from experience the Bulgars can be physical'

where we found him talking to his lieutenants Ronnie Moran and Joe Fagan.

We had to force him out on to the pitch to receive his rightful praise. The Kop, home of our most fanatical fans, went crazy.

Bob's reticence is typical of a man who prefers to stay in the background, and to give the players the limelight. But it's true to say that without his guiding hand Liverpool wouldn't have so much magic.

We've fulfilled the aim we set ourselves after Nottingham Forest robbed us of our chance of winning the European Cup for the third successive time, by knocking us out in the very First Round, and will be competing for it again next season.

Those of us in the England squad will also be involved in Ron Greenwood's bid to qualify for the Quarter-Finals of the European Championship.

After the recent British Championship, we're preparing for the next vital game in our group — away

try that extra-bit harder when they play England, the originators of soccer.

We also know we can expect a lot of strong tackling. The "physical" aspect of their game was very apparent when I played against them in Sofia in Joe Mercer's England tour team in 1974. There were a few bruises around after our 1-0 win.

So it'll be important we refuse to be intimidated into responding with rough stuff. If we can avoid becoming involved in a kicking match, and dedicate ourselves to bringing into play all our skills, we should pick up another two points towards a total that will take us one step nearer the next stage of a competition England have yet to win!

Stay tuned!

Ray Clemence

European Championship

**BULGARIA v. ENGLAND,
Sofia, June 6th**

RON Greenwood couldn't believe his eyes when he sat back to run the rule over England's next European Championship opponents Bulgaria in Belfast recently.

Northern Ireland themselves can be pretty modest on their day as indeed they were when England overwhelmed them at Wembley in February, so to see them overrunning the traditionally battle-hardened Bulgarians with the ease of a bulldozer flattening a field of daisies was barely credible to the wide-open eyes of the England boss.

"It's true Bulgaria were awful that night. They can hardly ever have played worse — and certainly I would never expect them to play so badly again," says Greenwood (below right) in assessing his own team's prospects in Sofia.

"I understand their squad was split up before that Belfast game because of their bid to build a team for the Olympics, so we could well be facing very different opposition.

"This match will be regarded as the plum of the group so far as Bulgarian supporters are concerned and you can bet they'll get behind their team, no matter what recent results have been like.

"The only other time England ever played in Sofia was in 1974 when Joe Mercer's side won by the only goal of the match scored by Frank Worthington.

'They'll be out for revenge'

**RON GREENWOOD,
England manager**

"That was a great win because England had just failed to qualify for the World Cup, Bulgaria were through to the Finals in West Germany and were looking for a morale booster just a couple of weeks before playing their first game against Sweden two weeks later.

"There was a crowd of 65,000 and they were a bit stunned by England's victory, so again the Bulgarians will be looking for revenge even now, five years on."

It's interesting to look at the England team that played in Sofia on June 1st, 1974. It was Ray Clemence; Emlyn Hughes, Colin Todd, Dave Watson, Alec Lindsay; Martin Dobson, Trevor Brooking, Colin Bell; Kevin Keegan, Mike Channon and Frank Worthington.

Clemence, Hughes, Watson, Brooking and Keegan are, of course all still at the heart of England's side and very much part of Greenwood's planning for the Finals in Italy next year.

Worthington has been in such magnificent form over the past season he should have forced his way back into the reckoning in the eyes of many critics, and Channon, Todd and Dobson are still vital members of their club sides.

That shows just how consistent the top players in England have been with only Lindsay dropping out of the game completely and Colin Bell, of course, hampered by persistent injury.

"It's good to know we have players in the international side who've played in Bulgaria before — and when you think that five years has elapsed since that last appearance — I think it shows the quality of the survivors.

"It's no good to anybody chopping and changing players around even when they've had the odd mediocre performance. I'm very satisfied with the way things have been going and the players know that."

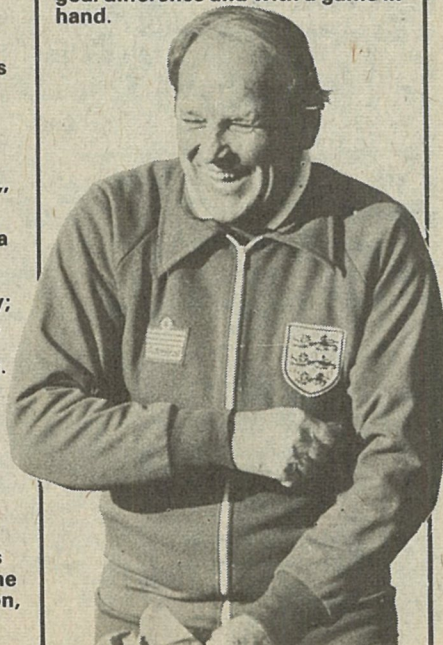
Will victory in Sofia virtually clinch England's place in the European Championship Finals next summer?

"No, we mustn't allow ourselves to think like that. Obviously we will be well on the way if we do win, especially as we have to play three of our remaining matches against Denmark, the Republic of Ireland and Bulgaria at home, but there's a long way to go yet and we must try to attain good results in all the Group matches.

"If we do win in Sofia we will go back to the top of the table above Northern Ireland, but don't forget we have to play them in Belfast in October."

It was difficult that night in Belfast to choose any Bulgarian player who might cause England problems in Sofia, but the pick of the bunch may be Bonev, one of three booked in that match and a player of obvious skill as well as commitment. Panov and Iliev, both scorers in the 2-2 draw with Denmark in Copenhagen, and Stoianov, a reliable goalkeeper, are also fine players.

Although Ron Greenwood is right to keep the champagne on ice until England are mathematically sure of their place in the Finals it would indeed be a pessimist who would not back England to make it if they come away from Sofia level on points with Northern Ireland, ahead on goal difference and with a game in hand.



Can England and Scotland youngsters stay undefeated?

WHILE most eyes will be focused on the seniors next week in Bulgaria and Norway, the Under-21 teams of England and Scotland will also be playing European Championship ties.

They may be less important, but they are certainly not unimportant, because both Ron Greenwood and Jock Stein will be keeping a close watch on the performances of the youngsters with a view to possible promotion.

Both England and Scotland are undefeated so far in the Under-21 competition; having said that, England have played just one tie, in Denmark, while the Scots have played two, beating Norway and Portugal.

It is almost impossible to assess their respective rivals, but on the face of it both countries should have enough strength in depth to return with both points.

England have stayed loyal to the kids who have done well so far, while Jock Stein's squad has a "made in Scotland" look about it, with only four Anglos included.

People tend to pay little attention to Under-21 games. Attendances are poor and Press reports thin. Yet what a boost it would be if both England and Scotland could reach the Finals (they are the only two Home nations competing).

England have a strong team, capably managed by Dave Sexton and Terry Venables. Manchester



Southampton's Steve Williams veers past a Danish defender

United goalkeeper Gary Bailey has shown promise in his first season, while Crystal Palace left-back Kenny Sansom has already made his mark with the full England side.

The Ipswich pair of Russell Osman and Terry Butcher — newcomers to the international scene

— may find themselves as teammates for England, too.

Despite the troubles of his club, captain Gary Owen has played well for the Under-21's, while Bryan Robson was deservedly voted West Brom's Player of the Year.

In attack, Cyrille Regis will lead his line with his usual pace, with good service from Luther Blissett, Kevin Reeves or John Deehan.

Scotland's young side is no less dynamic. Billy Thomson, the former understudy to Alan Rough at Partick Thistle, has been in good form for St. Mirren this season following his £30,000 transfer.

Ally Dawson's progress with Rangers enabled them to release Alex Forsyth, who was on loan from Manchester United, while Brentford's Jim McNicholl has shown immense promise.

Roy Aitken, the Celtic powerhouse, is a "must", while Eamonn Bannon is almost sure to play. Since his £200,000 transfer from Hearts to Chelsea, Bannon has quickly adapted to the demands of English soccer under testing circumstances.

The most unlikely sounding of all Scots — Alan Brazil — was with Celtic Boys' club at one time, so Stein knows him, just as he knows Celtic's promising George McCluskey.

Hibernian's Ally MacLeod will probably captain the side as an over-age player.

Another who could be in the team is Scotland's Young Player of the Year, Raymond Stewart of Dundee United.

Let's hope the youngsters give the seniors something to aim at by winning their games.

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European Championship

IN theory, Northern Ireland must be favourites to take the points from a Danish side that has yet to record a win in five European Championship ties. But Henning Jensen, the Danish star who's now playing for Real Madrid, reckons it could be a closer contest than most people imagine.

"I'm convinced this is going to be an exciting match," he says. "And I'm hoping my club commitments won't prevent me from playing. It's been one of Denmark's permanent problems in the competition that the team has had to be chopped and changed for almost every match, according to which players are available."

"Sometimes even the manager Kurt Nielsen doesn't know until the last moment. As I say, I think it will be a good open game because we are an attacking side and I

'We want to give our fans a victory'

says

HENNING JENSEN

think the Irish are also an attractive team.

"As you can see from our results, we score a lot of goals at home — eight in three matches, in fact — but we tend to let in even more and we have only two points to show for it! Our defensive work definitely isn't our strong point, and that's why the manager always insists on playing to our attacking strengths."

"At the moment it looks as though Allan Simonsen will be playing and he'll give us even more bite in attack."

DENMARK v. NORTHERN IRELAND, Copenhagen, June 6th

"I must be frank and say I wouldn't like to have to predict the result. I don't think anything would surprise me, though, of course, I hope Denmark win."

"You know, it may seem crazy to you after our recent results, but when the European Championship began we seriously rated our chances in this group, and the results have been a bitter disappointment. We've made plenty of silly mistakes that have cost us a lot of goals and we haven't played up to our full potential."

"I'm convinced we're going to hit top form *some* day and really murder someone! It would be nice to start now."

"Having said that no one is underrating Northern Ireland. I was very impressed when I played against them in Belfast last year. They have a lot of good players and they're possibly a more balanced side than us because they have strength in all departments. What's more, Pat Jennings is a truly outstanding goalkeeper."

"Some people have said the Danish team won't be motivated for this match because we have no hope of winning the group, but I can promise you this is nonsense. We're determined to start producing the kind of results Danish football deserves and the team will be trying very hard to beat the Irish. None of our players wants to play the whole programme without notching up at least one win, and as this is our last home game, it's our best chance to show what we can really do."

MARTIN O'Neill and his Northern Ireland team mates fly out to Denmark knowing they must beat the Danes and win the other remaining matches in their group to stand a genuine chance of qualifying.

And although Denmark are currently bottom of the group that also includes England, the Republic of Ireland and Bulgaria, O'Neill has a high regard for them.

He commented: "On paper Denmark haven't done very well but I don't think they've had much luck. And they do have some very talented individuals."

'Danes no pushovers'

says

MARTIN O'NEILL

"There is Simonsen, of course, and this fellow Jensen, who plays for Real Madrid, has a lot of ability. Perhaps, they have too much individual skill and not enough togetherness as a team, but I expected them to do a lot better than they have done so far."

"We had to come from behind when we beat them 2-1 in Belfast and even then two substitutes, Derek Spence and Trevor Anderson, had to come on and get the goals for us."

"Denmark have not won a game in their group and don't stand any chance of qualifying, yet I am sure

they will be wanting to put their game together in the final matches and restore their pride. The Danes are no pushovers."

"Under normal circumstances we would be delighted to go out there and get a draw, but we now feel as though we have to win every match to stand a good chance in the group."

With home matches to follow against England and the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland have a tall order and they are already looking for the others to do each other damage.

On the same night Northern Ireland are in Denmark, England visit Bulgaria, who are hoping to be strengthened from the side that has lost twice to the Irish.

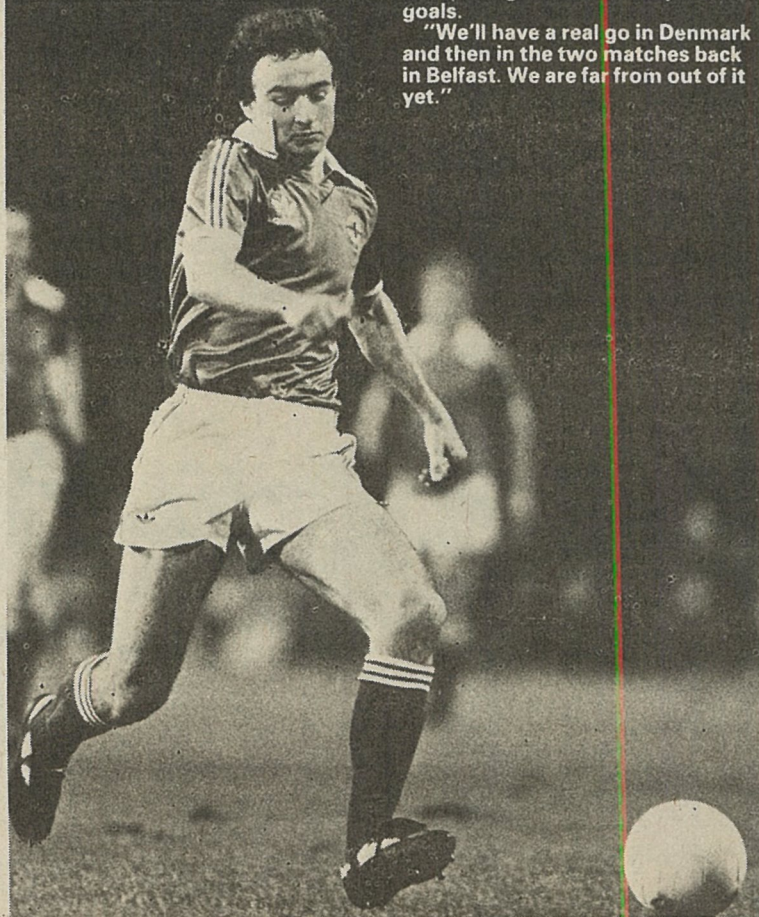
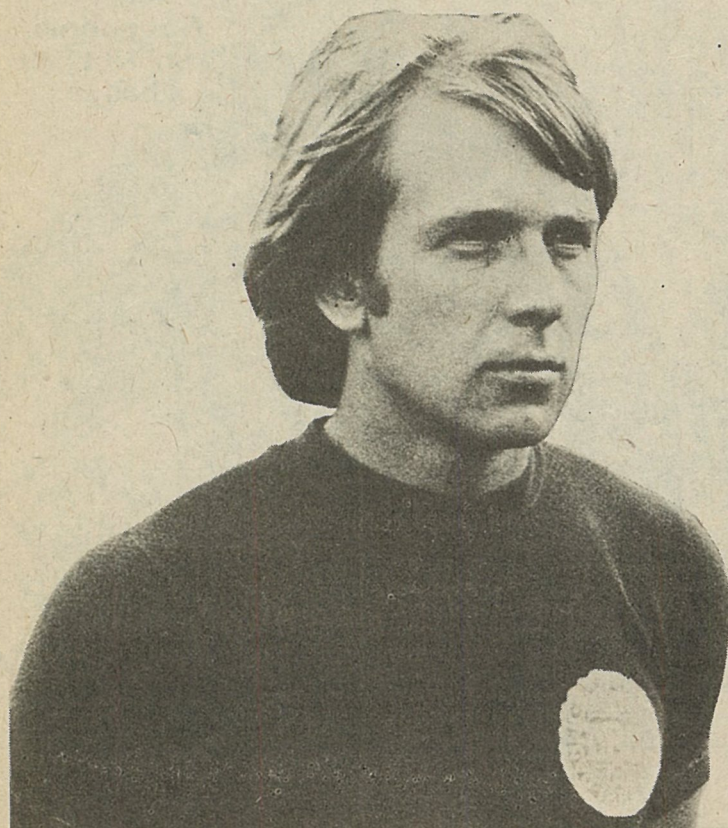
But as O'Neill admits: "While we have got to win all our games, somebody has got to do us a favour and beat England if we are to go through."

"At the moment they have five points from three games and we have seven from five and even if we were to beat them in Belfast, goal difference would give them the edge."

"We have done extremely well in the European Championship matches but we had that one disastrous night at Wembley when we went down 4-0 and it could be the goals we conceded on that occasion will really tell against us in the final reckoning."

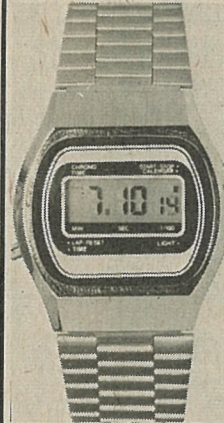
"In some ways we have ourselves to blame. Against Bulgaria, for example, I had chances myself to increase our goal tally but wasted them. I thought I had a good match but how much better it would have been if I'd got another couple of goals."

"We'll have a real go in Denmark and then in the two matches back in Belfast. We are far from out of it yet."



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ALAN Mullery and Terry Venables were both midfield players. They both played for England and Tottenham. They became managers — and have now led their respective clubs into the First Division. Mullery summed-up Brighton's achievement in these words: "We've worked damned hard for our success and now we mean to show 'em at Anfield, Old Trafford, Highbury etc." Venables was no less forthright about Palace's prospects next season after winning the Second Division title. "We'll be aiming to win the League Championship," he insists. This week SHOOT interviewed the two promotion winning managerial "twins"...

The Eagles have landed

CRYSTAL Palace manager Terry Venables wanted a gala night, but even the owner of television's most celebrated eyebrows couldn't have imagined the scenes when The Eagles won the Second Division Championship.

There were over 51,000 fans, 5,000 more than the capacity of Selhurst Park, present to witness the 2-0 defeat of Burnley and the reaction of the Palace supporters made even the talkative Venables a little lost for words. "We'll have to make our fans wear studs!" he joked when asked about the pitch-invasion.

In fact, those who have followed Palace closely have had double-value entertainment. Not only are Palace one of the best young teams to emerge in years, but Venables, the inspiration behind the Hazell television series, has a wit that's as quick as a Palace counter-attack.

For example... "Pressures? Do you know, I've been so relaxed I've been having alarm calls in the afternoon!"

His final Press conference of the season was broken briefly by the

lady who makes the journalists' tea unable to control herself. In a high-pitched voice that another South London girl, Miss Kate Bush, would have been proud of, Mrs Tea-maker tested the strength of the windows with her own version of "We all agree, Te-ee-ery is magic". The sentiments were right even if the delivery wasn't too pleasant!

As they slid from Division One to Division Three at alarming speed, Malcolm Allison arrived at Selhurst Park and while he left before he could see the benefits of the foundations he'd laid, his hand-chosen lieutenant, Terry Venables, has built Palace again.

He'd be the first to acknowledge the youngsters are really Allison's kids, but it's been Terry's coaching and know-how that have brought them on.

"I always thought we could win promotion," said Venables, "but I deliberately kept it all low-key to take the pressure off the lads. Half of the side are having their first full season and they've done remarkably well. They've improved so much and can only get better."

"**T**HE greatest day in the club's 78 year history," is how Mike Bamber, Brighton's chairman, described May 11, 1979, when a 3-0 victory at St James' Park against Newcastle clinched promotion to football's top flight for the first time in Brighton's 58 years in the Football League.

Mr Bamber's words are emphasised by the fact 42 of those years has seen Brighton as a Third Division outfit. "A typical Third Division side not realising their great potential," was the all too familiar comment before the arrival of Brian Clough and Peter Taylor six years ago.

Now the 1979-80 season can hardly come sooner for the First Division new boys who are already determined not to suffer the fate of some of their predecessors and slip back into oblivion after one season.

"At long last top class football has come to Sussex and now that it has we're certainly not going to rest on our laurels," was manager Alan Mullery's initial reaction after the euphoric celebrations had died down.

"We've worked damned hard for our success and now we've got the winning habit we mean to show what we can do at Anfield, Old Trafford, Highbury, etc."

"It's the finest League and while it'll obviously be a tremendous test for us I'm confident we'll come through it. I've done the rounds as a player but I know that I shall be even prouder to do them again as Brighton's manager," Mullery added.

Certainly Mullery, who will be offered a generous new contract when his current one expires, need have no worries about money. Already £1m has been earmarked to buy two or three players necessary to strengthen the current squad and Mullery admits to having some ideas as to the sort of buys he has in mind.

Certainly Mr Bamber will be able to provide the local councils with some interesting plans about new soccer stadiums following Brighton's three and a half week tour of the United States where he has also studied the American way of building soccer stadiums.

But the first chapter of Brighton's

Palace supporters celebrate promotion.



fans brilliant tonight?"

Coach Allan Harris: "Three of the best young managers in the business have won promotion to Division One — Terry, Alan Durban (Stoke) and Alan Mullery (Brighton). Terry is the best, though. The First Division doesn't worry me."

Palace conceded just 24 goals in their 42 League games and their back-four of Paul Hinshelwood, Jim Cannon, Billy Gilbert and Kenny Sansom won't be out of place in the top flight.

In midfield they have Steve Kember, Peter Nicholas and Jerry Murphy. Murphy was born in Stepney, but qualifies for Fire and has already won Youth honours. Watch out for him.

Up-front is the irrepressible Vince Hilaire. The black forward — Vinny to his pals — has a very special talent. Once he knows when to release the ball he'll be a player of rare class. Dave Swindlehurst's contribution is often overlooked, while Ian Walsh distinguished himself against Burnley by heading as good a goal as you could wish to see.

Palace need more fire-power, although they were unlucky to lose Mike Elwiss with knee trouble halfway through the season. The Eagles have landed in Division One... and they mean to stay.

The Seagulls are flying

This, together with the forward thinking chairman's plans to move from the Goldstone Ground, helps illustrate how this club has risen from the Third Division to the First in three seasons.

Several weeks before the Second Division promotion issue had been settled, Mr Bamber was having talks with both Brighton and Hove Councils to try and find a suitable site.

"Let's face it the Goldstone, which can only seat 4,000, is well below Second Division standards, let alone the First, as well as being a disaster for parking," he commented.

"What I have in mind," he went on, "is to build a new stadium which would facilitate other sports and have a seating capacity of 25,000. There would also be standing room for 10,000 and sufficient space for about 7,000 cars."

Mr Bamber makes no secret of the fact he is constantly receiving complaints from local residents. "If I were living near the ground I know I'd be writing to the chairman of the club," he stressed.

Those residents (many of whose front doors virtually open on to the terraces) are unlikely to have fewer complaints about unruly behaviour when supporters of such sides as Manchester United and Liverpool flock to the Sussex coast this winter.

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First Division life will be spent at a ground — situated on the main South Coast road — which is of considerable embarrassment to the club.

Average attendances will probably rise from last season's 20,000 to 30,000, which will create further car parking problems, as well as making policing

the area an even more delicate operation than it has been for the last two years.

Doubtless everyone connected with the club will hope their new status will see a fresh pattern of sporting and social habits as the 80's are approached with more than just a little optimism.



Brighton's Teddy Maybank collides with Gary Emmanuel of Bristol Rovers.

Two points for Northern Ireland and the Republic against Bulgaria and Denmark, but a defeat for Wales against West Germany. Here's action from the recent European Championship ties.

Denmark superstar Allan Simonsen is marked closely by the Republic of Ireland's Jimmy Holmes.

Mick Martin, making his international comeback for the Republic, and Denmark's Preben Elkjaer.

IRISH EYES

Northern Ireland striker Gerry Armstrong comes away from Rainov of Bulgaria.

Bulgaria's Rainov passes back to his goalkeeper under pressure against Northern Ireland.



West Germany's Klaus Allofs is tackled by Welsh central defenders George Berry (right) and Leighton Phillips, at Wrexham.

SMILING—WELSH WOE



Herbert Zimmerman celebrates his headed goal which put West Germany on the way to victory against Wales.

RICKY Heppollette, the Indian born mid-field player who was with Preston, Orient and Crystal Palace before joining Chesterfield has been leading the battle on the pitch to keep the club in the Third Division.

It is good to see him back inspiring those around him after the battle he had for 18 months, off the pitch, with a succession of injuries to back, groin and ankle to be followed by a deep-rooted cyst at the back of a knee.

The likeable Ricky always gives 100 per cent effort and is due a long run of good luck.

HUNTING HUNTER

NEWS from Bristol City . . . their veteran defender Norman Hunter could be joining his former Leeds United team-mate Allan Clarke at newly promoted Barnsley.

Player-manager Clarke invited Hunter for talks towards the end of the season and a reunion looks likely as Barnsley prepare for life in the Third Division.

THE MELROSE INCIDENT

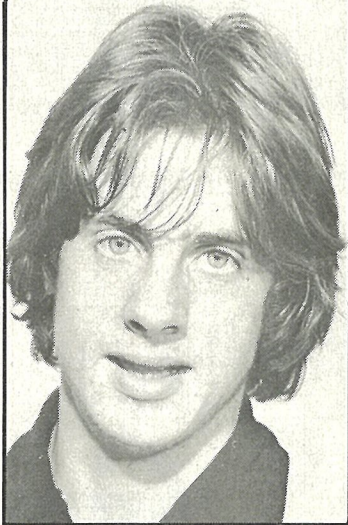
THERE was an incredible incident at Partick Thistle's home Premier Division match against relegated Hearts on May 5th.

They had used both their substitutes (two are allowed in Scotland), with 20 minutes left to play and Thistle were leading 1-0, thanks to a goal by Jim Melrose (below).

Then suddenly Melrose was called off, leaving Thistle with ten men. The home fans went mad . . . until Thistle added a second goal.

Apparently, Melrose had carried on a running battle with manager Bertie Auld who decided to withdraw him as punishment.

After that, and other reported incidents between the player and manager, don't be surprised if Jim moves on during the summer.



SHELBOURNE'S John Delamere finished top scorer in the Bass League of Ireland with 17 goals. Two of John's total were scored while assisting Sligo Rovers before he moved back to his former club.

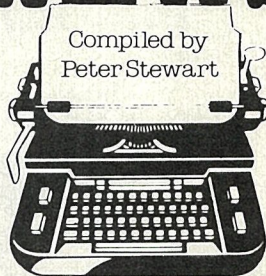
A hat-trick in the Leinster Senior Cup brought Delamere's total to 20, but the top scorer in all competitions again this season in Eire was Turlough O'Connor.

The Bohemian skipper's total of 21 was ten down on last term.

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DESK

JOE Mayo has been elected Orient's Player of the Year.

LAST September we complimented Hull manager Ken Houghton for shrewdly paying £55,000 for potential "goal machine" Keith Edwards from Sheffield United.

As we forecast, Keith lost no time in settling in and, as we go to print he has scored 23 League goals.

The manager who sold him, Harry Haslam, was also shrewd. One condition in the deal was Sheffield United should be paid £5,000 in the event of Keith netting 20 goals in the first season. Obviously there are now smiles all around.

'BALL BOY' DARK

TREVOR Dark, 18-year-old Birmingham prospect, who made his First Division debut against Leeds in February, knows about the big time in a far different sport.

He was a ball boy at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in both 1976 and '77.

The Carshalton, Surrey born Dark had a spell as an associated schoolboy with Arsenal before joining Birmingham at the start of the 1977-78 season and turning professional in January. And he doesn't mind where he plays on the left side of the field.

FORMER Scotland defender Alex Forsyth, who spent last season on loan to Rangers, has been given a free transfer by Manchester United. That news will be of interest to many clubs in the North.

THE Middlesbrough-West Bromwich Albion match was a special occasion for former England Under-23 international forward David Armstrong. The 24-year-old midfielder player reached an incredible run of 300 consecutive appearances and received two awards as Middlesbrough's Player of the Year.

Armstrong has created a record for a top-Division player. No one else has made 300 Cup and League appearances in succession in the top two Divisions of the Football League.

The Durham City-born forward was introduced by manager Stan Anderson, achieved First Division status under Jack Charlton, and has blossomed under John Neal.

Neal, in fact, rates him worthy of a full England cap. "I don't know of a better left-half in England. Armstrong can attack from midfield and cover in defence. He covers a

tremendous amount of ground.

"People use various descriptions on players these days. What's wrong with the old-fashioned wing-half?"

An outstanding season has been recognised by Middlesbrough fans. Ayresome Park fans voted Armstrong their Player of the Year. The London branch of the Boro Supporters Club also made him their number one.

Before the Albion match Armstrong received the Ladbroke Dragonara Club (Middlesbrough) Trophy, a silver and onyx statuette, and a £250 cheque, together with four silver wine goblets from the London branch.

Armstrong dismisses his ever-present run that stretches over five seasons. "I have been lucky with injuries. Sometimes I could have stood down but I have always wanted to play. I think this has been my most consistent season."



Lincoln's 'unknown' striker

COLIN Murphy, Lincoln City's manager, has gambled £20,000 on an unknown striker, Tony Cunningham, to solve his goalscoring problems for next season.

Murphy said: "I could have paid the same amount of money for a player from a Football League club."

"He could have done the same job for me but I believe this boy has a great potential and he will be worth a great deal more money in the not too distant future."

Cunningham scored 36 goals for Southern League club, Stourbridge, but it was only after manager Tony Freely joined the club late last season that the coloured striker really came into his own.

It was Freely, seen in our picture with Cunningham, who transferred Garry Stevens from Evesham United to Cardiff City last autumn for £4,000.

Freely said: "Looking back we should have demanded a great deal more money for Stevens, who scored 19 first team goals for Cardiff. Now he is in the £100,000 class."

Downsborough almost became a Gunner

PETER Downsborough, the 36-year-old goalkeeper who has topped 650 Football League appearances mainly in the lower reaches of the game, nearly became an Arsenal player once.

Way back in 1961 Downsborough, who has played in more League games than any other goalkeeper, was wanted by George Swindin, himself a former 'keeper, who was then manager of Arsenal.

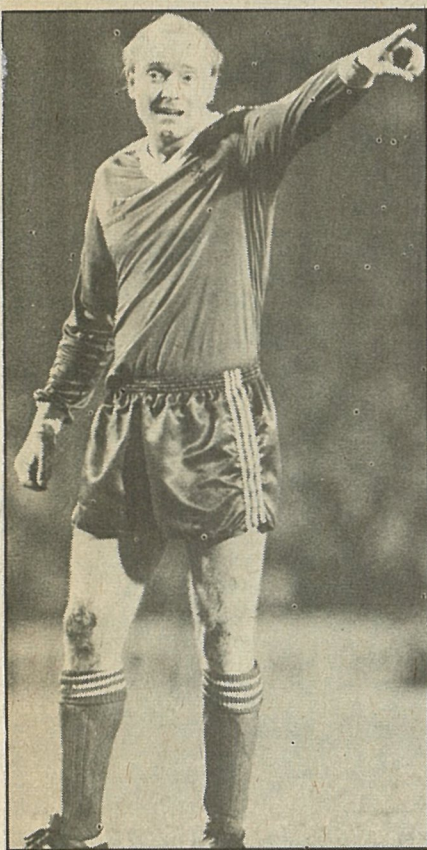
The Gunners may well have wished they had signed him because in 1968-69 he played for Swindon when they caused one of the biggest shocks the game has known by beating hot favourites Arsenal 3-1 in the League Cup Final at Wembley.

Halifax-born Downsborough signed for his local club in September, 1960. He had five years at The Shay before moving on to Swindon for over eight years, a period which included a loan spell with Brighton.

He went to Bradford City on loan in November, 1973, and joined them permanent in the following January.

Peter, who had joined Halifax from school, owes much of his success to the fact he has always looked after himself and never lost his love for sport.

As a youngster he was a swimming and boxing Champion and also won honours for cricket.



HURST'S AIM

ENGLAND's 1966 World Cup hero, Geoff Hurst, has finally decided to hang up his boots. The ex-West Ham, Stoke and West Bromwich Albion

striker, who is currently player-manager of Southern League outfit Telford United, has announced his intentions to quit playing and concentrate on managing the Shropshire club.

Only weeks ago, Geoff looked set to take over as manager of Peterborough United but, much to Hurst's disappointment, the clubs failed to agree upon compensation.

NEW GAME

LONG coach journeys are the bane of footballers' lives, particularly if they've just lost a game. But Bournemouth's players have no problem with boredom.

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AT THE end of the 1977-78 season fans of Southern League club Romford voted goalkeeper Steve Biggs as their Player of the Year. A few weeks later Romford folded due to ground problems.

During the close-season Biggs signed for Tonbridge. Now that the club is fighting to stay in existence after the local council decided to build a department store on their Angel ground.

And who have Tonbridge fans voted Player of the Year for 1978-79? That's right, Steve Biggs.

FREAK

HERE's an outsize freak novelty if ever there was one. All these seven players had scored in all three competitions — the Football League and both the F.A. and League Cups — by the time they had claimed just three goals during the season: Peter Barnes (Manchester City), Dave Needham (Forest), Mark Lawrenson (Brighton), Stan McEwan (Blackpool), Jim Lumby (Carlisle), Bobby Flavell (Chesterfield), and Tommy Gore (Wigan).

DERBY County were happy to pay another £10,000 when Irish signing Vic Moreland completed 15 first team appearances.

Moreland, already a full international, was bought from Glenrath in September and started in the Derby side as a sweeper. He is now in midfield and Derby have turned down inquiries from other clubs willing to give them a big profit.

Moreland was working as a plumber in Belfast before he switched to the full-time ranks in England.

Asa for Forest?

MANCHESTER City's transfer-listed Scotland star Asa Hartford could well be on his way to Nottingham Forest. Brian Clough has made a bid of £400,000.

He is also reported to be interested in Barnsley's brilliant young centre-half Mike McCarthy... so are Spurs and West Ham.

Bangor list ex-Glensmen

IN A surprise end-of-term move, Bangor boss Billy Johnston transfer-listed vastly experienced defender Sammy Lunn and opportunist striker Peter Dickinson.

Both Lunn and Dickinson were groomed for top-grade soccer by Glenrath. In fact, pivot Lunn, who had a

lengthy spell with Portadown before joining Bangor a year ago, played alongside the likes of eventual big-timers Terry Conroy and Tommy Jackson in Glens' 2nd XI in the mid-'60s, while goal-ace Dickinson earned an Irish League Championship medal with the Ovalites, two years ago.

ENGLAND'S TRAVEL CLUB

THE Football Association have formed an England Travel Club.

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DOUG Collins, the Rochdale player-manager, is one of several people who have helped shape the career of Derby midfield prospect Steve Spooner.

How come? Collins, former Grimsby, Burnley, Plymouth, Sunderland and Tulsa Roughnecks winger, had nearly five months on the coaching staff at Derby from September last year and before joining Rochdale, and Sutton (Surrey)-born Steve was grateful for the help he gave him.

Spooner, who had spells with Chelsea, Crystal Palace and Q.P.R. before joining Derby in April, 1977, and turning professional last December, made his League debut against Tottenham in March.

TOTTENHAM's 36,655 gate for their League game against Manchester United in April was the smallest crowd for a game against United at White Hart Lane since August, 1955.

The match 24 years ago, played on a Wednesday night, drew only 27,453.



Party time for Worthy

FRANK Worthington with brother Bob at Frank's going-away-to-America party at Jimmizz Night Club in Manchester. Bob played for Middlesbrough and Notts County.

Frank, who scored 26 goals for Bolton during 1978-79 is now in the States with Philadelphia Fury.

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BILL SHEPHERD, PLYMOUTH

● It was a 3-2 win for the Sassenachs at Hampden on 22nd April, 1944, Bill, and this was their powerful side.

Frank Swift (Manchester City); Leslie Compton (Arsenal), Frank Taylor (Wolves); Frank Soo (Stoke), Stan Cullis (Wolves), Joe Mercer (Everton); Stan Matthews (Stoke), Raich Carter (Sunderland), Tommy Lawton (Everton), Jimmy Hagan (Sheffield United), and Leslie Smith (Brentford).

Lawton (two) and Carter scored for the winners; Dodds and Caskie replying for Scotland.

Chelsea or Spurs?

Who had the higher gates, home and away, in their respective recent promotion seasons? I say Chelsea; my brother says Spurs.

PAUL GROS, HERTFORD

● In Chelsea's promotion season of 1976-77, Paul, their League games were watched by 643,302 at home; and by 398,818 away.

When Spurs were promoted in the following season of 1977-78, their comparable figures were 701,752 at home; and 454,647 away.

So that "match" is won by your brother — home and away!

Penalties

What is the highest number of penalties ever awarded to one team in a game?

JONATHAN MEDD, HUNTINGDON

● World-wide, Jonathan, I'm afraid I haven't a clue!

But I can tell you that, as far as the Football League goes, it's FOUR.

That was the number awarded to Burnley in their Second Division game against Grimsby on 13th February, 1909 — and they failed with three of 'em!

Burnley won 2-0 — but all the honours really went to Grimsby.

Not only were they down to ten men for most of the game — but their over-worked goalkeeper, Walter Scott, distinguished himself with many more super saves in addition to the three penalties he kept out.

'WE WANT TO SHOW WHY ARGENTINA WON THE WORLD CUP'

On Saturday, June 2nd, World Cup winners Argentina visit Britain to play Scotland at Hampden Park. It is the last game of their European tour, which has seen them take on Holland, Italy, and the Republic of Ireland. Before the Argentina squad left for Europe, SHOOT correspondent Rex Gower went along to their Jose C. Paz training camp to speak to captain **DANIEL PASSARELLA**.

SHOOT: As you leave to play your first games as World Champions, what are your thoughts about the European tour?

PASSARELLA: It's a big responsibility. We have to keep up the prestige we earned for Argentine football by winning the World Cup, and not only on this tour but everywhere we play. We are not just Argentina, but the World Champions and everyone is acutely aware of that fact, our future opponents and their supporters.

SHOOT: What do Argentina hope to achieve in Europe?

PASSARELLA: We are going to face several of the strongest footballing countries in the world. We want to maintain our standard of play, and win, naturally. But we are now at the start of a new process, which leads to our defence of the title in Spain in 1982. We are currently working at finding the base for that side.

SHOOT: Which is more important: results or the way you play?

PASSARELLA: It would be stupid to say results mean nothing, but we intend to maintain our style of play and, playing well, the results will come. In a World Cup, of course, you prefer to win, even when playing badly; now our main objective is to put manager César Menotti's ideas into practice.

SHOOT: As World Champions, everyone will want to beat you, even if the team has changed since the "Mundial". How do you feel about the pressure of being the World Champions?

PASSARELLA: The pressure will be enormous, but it is a challenge we accept. We are proud to be World Champions, and at whatever level we play, in youth, Olympic, South American or world competition, our opponents will want to beat us and we in turn, will want to show them why Argentina won the World Cup.

SHOOT: The World Cup was almost a year ago. What are your thoughts on the tournament now?

PASSARELLA: We all wish we could play another World Cup sooner than 1982. I miss it more and more as time goes by. It was a great occasion and in our squad many good friendships were forged. Menotti and his squad were more than a group of professionals doing a job. We were like one big family living through a



very special experience, and as you, yourself, saw, we were further strengthened by the marvellous support of all the Argentines.

SHOOT: Is the team that won the World Cup "dead"?

PASSARELLA: Menotti has not called up some of the older members of last year's squad, like Luis Galvan and Larrosa who played in the World Cup Final, for this tour. If you mean the team as an entity and not the particular individuals making it up, then it is most certainly not dead. Menotti does not change his philosophy of football to suit the requirements of the men he picks. He selects players he knows he will be able to work with towards a blend like the one we achieved for the World Cup.

SHOOT: You were a little jaded after the World Cup. Do you have your appetite back for soccer now?

PASSARELLA: Yes. After an event such as the World Cup, there could only be a low period, especially when Argentine football at a national level was in a totally contrary position to its international team, with few fans going to matches and the football being played poor, on the whole. Fortunately, that has changed. This season we only have one League match a week and none is televised. Fans are returning to the grounds and the football being offered is more attack-minded — a sign the World Cup-winning team has had an influence.

SHOOT: The form of many World Cup stars was poor after the World Cup. How have the home-based World Cup winners played so far this season?



PASSARELLA: Overall, they have been in good form. Luque was unlucky to suffer an injury that put him out for several weeks just when he was playing well and had scored a few goals. Fillol kept up his excellent World Cup form after the "Mundial" last year and is still on the crest of a wave, despite a long and drawn out spell of difficulties with River Plate's board of directors over the terms of his new contract. Olguin has been doing a good job for San Lorenzo at centre-back, Gallego has returned to his more familiar role of ball-winner in midfield after playing an attacking role for the second half of last year. Larrosa has recently been Independiente's best man, making his experience tell in midfield alongside the gifted Bochini. Luis Galvan has been playing well



LEFT . . . Passarella's good friend, Osvaldo Ardiles, in action during the World Cup Final. **ABOVE . . .** Menotti with new star Diego Maradona.

RIGHT . . . Passarella scores against Scotland in 1977 from a penalty.

BELOW . . . Luque (centre) playing against Velez Sarsfield in the League this season.

for Talleres in Córdoba, where they won the local League again, while Houseman spent the early part of the Metropolitan Championship under FA suspension, but showed up well in our national team practice games. Ortiz has had his ups and downs on our left wing at River, getting man-of-the-match billings one day and being accused of laziness the next.

SHOOT: With the success of Ardiles in mind, would you fancy playing in England?

PASSARELLA: Of course. I'd love to play anywhere, enjoying the success of my great ex-Huracán friend Ardiles. It pleases me whenever I read how well he is getting on in England. I'd like your readers to know Ardiles and I are very good friends. In the national squad many friendships were

made, but ours was a strong one based on our desire to see Menotti's plans through. One of our greatest moments together was at the end of our last match of the series of friendlies in 1977, during which we also drew with both England and Scotland. We were facing East Germany after a win against Poland, a defeat against West Germany, three consecutive draws and a narrow 1-0 victory versus Yugoslavia. This last match would make or break us. The fans and even the Press tend to remember the last result best. We had to play well and win. And we did both, after which Ardiles and I embraced in celebration in the

middle of the Boca Juniors pitch. It was our ticket to continue towards the "Mundial" last year which finally proved us right.

SHOOT: How worried were you when it was feared Menotti may leave?

PASSARELLA: I'm sure the whole country was very worried, and I certainly was. It seems ridiculous that while Kubala had his contract renewed until 1982 after Spain had had a rather mediocre World Cup, it took the Argentine Football Association over six months to renew Menotti's contract, after winning the tournament!

SHOOT: Tell us a little about Menotti, the coach, and Menotti, the man.

PASSARELLA: Above all else "el flaco" (the thin one) is a great person, a friend to all his players. By taking an interest in his players' lives as a whole and not just their footballing skills, he achieves a totally open atmosphere in the squad which overcomes all petty jealousies that sometimes arise. He is also a good coach and he is backed by a very good team of aides, all of whom have stayed with him for the new term of office.

SHOOT: Is Menotti right in not selecting the "exiles", such as Osvaldo Ardiles, for the European tour?

PASSARELLA: If Menotti could have had the "exiles" for the pre-tour preparation period he would have called them, but we were not even sure their clubs would release them to join us once we were in Europe. In the past the

gravest mistake in Argentine football at representative level has been that often, players have been asked to get together and gel in the shortest space of time. This, Menotti has put a stop to. Even the most skilled of players can sink under that sort of responsibility, and Menotti firmly believes he should never be put under such pressure.

SHOOT: Which of the new players do you think will make an impact in Europe?

PASSARELLA: That's difficult to say. I gather readers in Britain have heard a bit about Diego Maradona, our young star who, in fact, only just failed to get into Menotti's final 22 for the "Mundial", but what of the rest? The ones who I could mention because they are doing well with their clubs, could be the ones to find they don't do quite so well in the national team, while others may do better than expected. It is often the case that a player does better for club than country or vice-versa. I hear, for instance, Scotland's Kenny Dalglish doesn't often play as well for his country as he did for Celtic and does now for Liverpool. Our own Luque is the opposite, not always doing for Labruna, River's manager, what he can do for Menotti.

SHOOT: After winning the World Cup, do you feel that there are no more mountains to climb?

PASSARELLA: No. It's a challenge enough to keep up the standard we have attained. I could not accept Menotti's call if I felt I had done it all, because I could not disguise the fact, and I would

hardly be giving the right example, as team captain, to the rest of the squad. In any case, Spain '82 is another goal, even higher than Argentina '78.

SHOOT: There will be a big crowd at Hampden Park to see you play Scotland. What are your thoughts on that match?

PASSARELLA: The Scots are very good footballers. I know this not only from our meeting in Buenos Aires in 1977, where Gemmill and McGrain were particularly impressive, but also from television film in which I admired McQueen and Jordan. At home, the Scots are going to be a hard nut to crack. They will want to prove themselves in front of their own fans when they face the World Champions and it won't be any easier than our other games.

SHOOT: What do you remember of Scotland from your match in 1977?

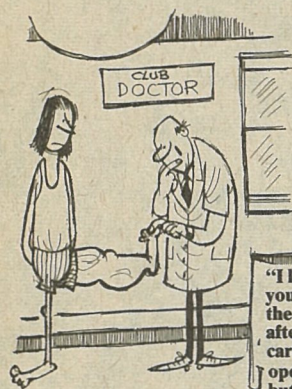
PASSARELLA: Well, as I have said already, Gemmill was very good in midfield and the overlapping of McGrain was a constant threat on one flank, while Willie Johnston was difficult to stop on the other wing. It was a tight game and was settled with one penalty goal each.

SHOOT: And what about Scotland's World Cup performances?

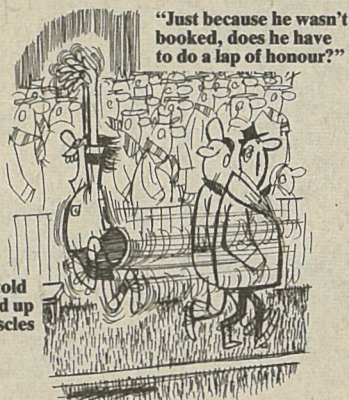
PASSARELLA: The Scots did not qualify for the Second Round because they were over-confident. Against Peru, as the match went out of their hands they could not find the way to take control again. They proved their strength when they sought the goals that could have put them through against Holland, and very nearly made it.



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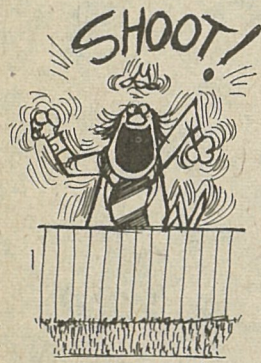
"I know I told you to build up the leg muscles after that cartilage operation, but —"



"Just because he wasn't booked, does he have to do a lap of honour?"



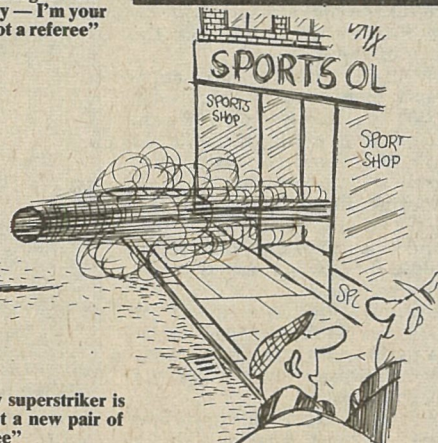
"Don't you argue with me, my boy — I'm your mother, not a referee"



"Our new superstriker is testing out a new pair of boots I see"



This week Newcastle's JOHN BIRD selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



THE transfer market in soccer is an area that can make-or-break clubs. One manager's assessment of a player's value rarely matches that of another boss.

There are buys that undoubtedly hit the jackpot. Unfortunately there are others that just don't pay off. This week **SHOOT** turns the spotlight on the Scottish transfers during the season to give our ratings on some of the big buys.

Celtic manager Billy McNeill realised he would have to start from scratch when he returned to Parkhead at the start of last term.

The team had just completed a thoroughly miserable season without lifting a single honour and even missing out on playing in Europe for the first time in 15 years.

McNeill, taking over from former supremo Jock Stein, was swiftly into the market for Kilmarnock's Under-21 international winger Davie Provan. He paid out £125,000 for the player, a record transfer buy in Scotland, just pipping the £120,000 Hibs paid to Everton for Joe Harper six years ago.

Fans may have been more than a little surprised at McNeill pinning so much faith on a part-time player from the First Division, but Provan responded well to the challenge at Parkhead and has been one of the club's most consistent players.

McNeill says: "Actually I wanted to sign Davie when I was still manager of Aberdeen. I had watched him in action and had been impressed.

'Future'

"However, no business was done while I was still at Pittodrie and when I arrived at Parkhead I renewed that interest. I was delighted when we signed the boy. I am certain he has a future in the game."

Provan has set up many Celtic goals with his precision passing from the flanks. His direct running can turn defenders inside out and his role as a free man in attack is an exciting tactic in today's Celtic line-up.

Full international honours will undoubtedly follow in the near future for the player. We must rate Davie Provan as a hit and the bargain of the year.

McNeill also had enough courage and conviction to part with £100,000 for Dumbarton's Murdo MacLeod and again it looks as though the Parkhead boss has come up with a winner.

MacLeod fitted in to several roles in the team during the season and even played at left-back in a couple of games while Andy Lynch was injured.

Murdo, like Provan an Under-21 cap, isn't as flashy or spectacular as his team-mate, but he is industrious and works flat out for the full 90 minutes.

Again we must congratulate McNeill on good business sense

GOOD AND BAD BUYS

in Scotland's transfer market

and say that MacLeod will be a hit as a Celtic player.

Vic Davidson was McNeill's third buy of the season and was by far the most surprising. Vic, of course, had originally been freed four years ago by the Celts when Jock Stein was in charge.

He went to Motherwell and then moved to Blackpool for £30,000 during the season and returned to Parkhead for a similar fee. McNeill has no doubts that Davidson will be a success second time around, but we think it is only fair to the player to reserve judgment until the new season.

He hasn't really had time to settle in again after his recent upheaval.

McNeill was active in the market, but he couldn't match either Roger Hynd or Ally MacLeod at Motherwell. The Fir Park club must surely have set some record for comings and goings in one season.

Hynd started the ball rolling by paying out £20,000 for goalkeeper Dave Latchford from Birmingham City but the burly goalkeeper, brother of Celtic's Peter and Everton's Bob, didn't settle North of the border and has since returned to England. We must rate the Latchford deal as a miss.

Hynd also lashed out cash to bring in Paul Wilson (£60,000 from Celtic), Mike Larnach (£65,000 from Newcastle), and Jim Boyd (£20,000 from Clyde). He also paid out smaller fees for Peter Carr (New England Tea Men) and Jim Capaldi (Aston Villa).

Sadly, none of these ambitious moves has paid off and new boss Ally MacLeod is willing to listen to offers for these players.

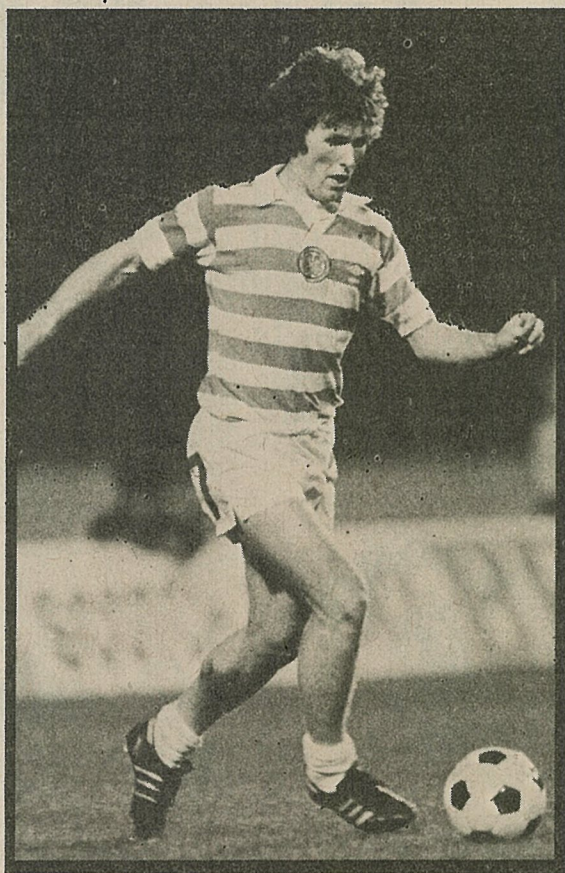
MacLeod, too, has been working in the transfer market and paid out £25,000 for his former Aberdeen midfielder man Joe Smith, who may play in a new defensive role next

season with the departure of Gregor Stevens to Leicester City. We are certain Smith will be a hit in the new season as Motherwell make a determined bid to get back into the Premier Division.

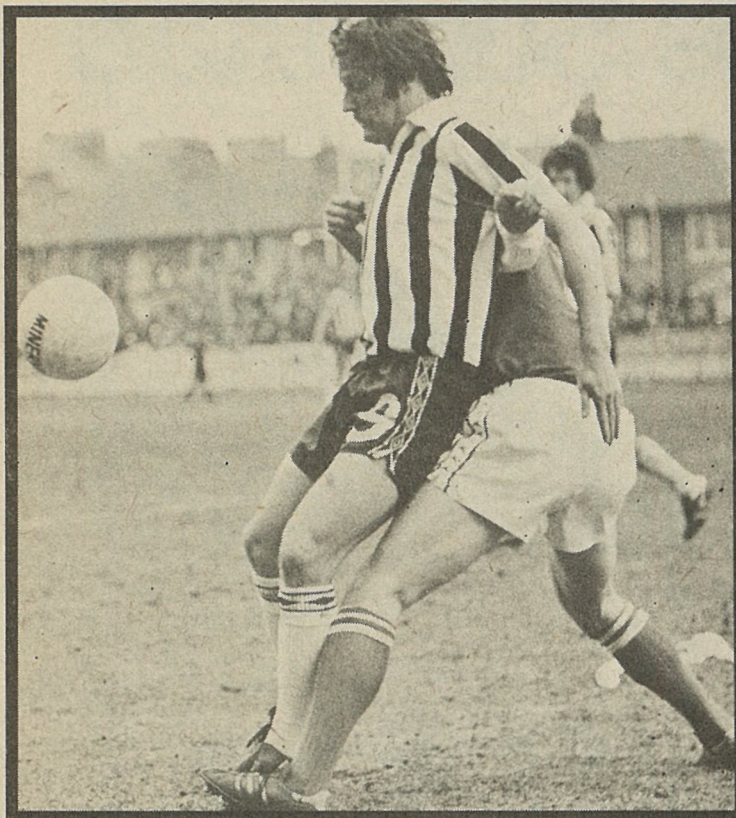
Willie Irvine, a tall, elegant striker, and Bobby Carberry, a hard working right sided midfield player, also joined up with MacLeod at Motherwell from Alloa late in the season so it is unfair to make judgment at the moment, but Irvine, in his brief appearances, certainly looks one for the future.

Hearts took the drop from the Premier Division along with Motherwell and Tynecastle manager Willie Ormond must admit that his club did make mistakes on the transfer scene.

He parted with dynamic Donald Park to Partick Thistle in a straight swop deal for the Firhill side's John Craig and Denis McQuade. Neither Craig nor McQuade made



Davie Provan (above) cost £125,000. Derek O'Connor (right) will score goals in any company.



any great impact on the team and subsequently both have been handed free transfers. Enough said!

But Ormond did notch a double triumph when he signed striker Derek O'Connor from St. Johnstone and former international goalkeeper Thomson Allan from Dundee. O'Connor is big and brave

and will score goals in any company while Allan, on the wrong side of 30, is still a first-class 'keeper.

St. Mirren boss Jim Clunie also did a good bit of business in the transfer market when he paid out £50,000 for Partick Thistle's reserve goalkeeper Billy Thomson, who was in the shadow of Alan

Rough at Firhill.

"I hadn't even seen him play," admitted Clunie. "However, so many good judges told me about his ability that I knew they couldn't all be wrong! I'm delighted to have signed him."

Thomson has a good pair of hands and is one of the most agile goalkeepers in Scotland. Clunie beams brightly when people talk about his goalkeeper.

After a 1-1 draw against Partick at Love Street last season one reporter remarked to Clunie that he thought Thomson had pulled off a good save near the end of the game.

Clunie was quick to respond. "Good save? It was brilliant ... absolutely brilliant!" Praise indeed.

The Saints also signed Jimmy Bone from Arbroath while Alex Ferguson was in charge, but, alas, the much travelled former international leader hasn't fitted in at Love Street and Clunie has already made two bids in the £100,000 bracket for replacement strikers in Doug Somner (Partick) and Frank MacDougall (Clydebank).

It could be that Bone, who has already played for Partick Thistle, Norwich, Sheffield United and Celtic as well as Arbroath and Saints, will soon be on the move again.

Rangers were quiet on the transfer front and manager John Greig only paid out a modest fee for former Highland League striker Billy Urquhart. It wouldn't be fair to the player to pass judgment on him so early in his career. Obviously he found the transition very difficult to cope with although he still managed to pick up a few goals in the Premier Division.

One move, however, that did not

come off for Rangers was the proposed deal for Manchester United defender Alex Forsyth.

Greig took him to Ibrox on an extended loan with a view to making it permanent.

Forsyth made a bright start at Ibrox, but lost his place when young Ally Dawson forced his way into the first team and manager Greig has decided to release Forsyth.

Partick Thistle manager Bertie Auld can be happy with his deals. Like we said earlier, he swopped Craig and McQuade for Hearts star Donald Park and definitely got the better of the bargain.

Park has revitalised the Firhill midfield and was one of their most consistent players during the season. Auld also spent £20,000 on Dundee's utility player Davie McKinnon and again it looks like money well spent.

Morton manager Benny Rooney also did well in the market. He signed Bobby Thompson from St. Johnstone for £10,000 plus youngster Tom McNeill and within a couple of months was turning down a bid of £70,000 for Thompson from an English club. We rate him a success.

Settle in

Roy Baines left Celtic for Morton near the end of the season and took a little while to settle in, but we're certain the English-born goalkeeper can get things together in time for the new season.

Dundee United seem to be a marvellous club at unearthing young talent such as David Narey, Raymond Stewart, Paul Sturrock and Graeme Payne among others, but manager Jim McLean hasn't had much luck in buying a striker to take the place of Andy Gray since his £110,000 move to Aston Villa three years ago.

He has brought Tom McAdam (now Celtic) and John Bourke (now Kilmarnock) to Tannadice without success and he bought Derek Frye from Stranraer for £25,000 earlier in the season. Frye has failed to make an impact and must be rated a miss!

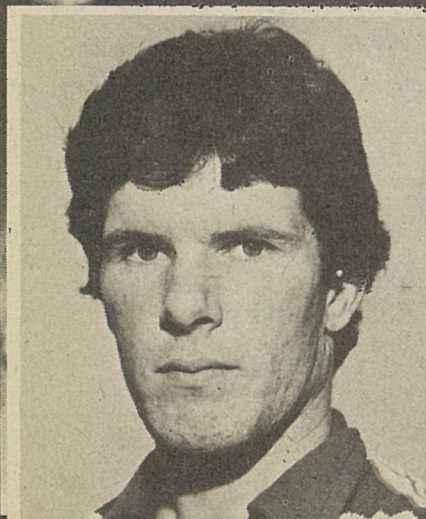
Bourke, though, has gone from strength to strength with Kilmarnock, who bought him for £45,000 earlier in the season. He scored many vital goals in the Rugby Park side's push into the Premier Division. A definite hit.

Dundee, also newly promoted, have had a hectic season in the transfer market and manager Tommy Gemmell has brought players such as Jim Shirra, Jocky Scott and Bobby Glennie (from Aberdeen), Alan Lamb (from Preston), Stuart McLaren and Willie Watson (from Motherwell) and Erich Schaedler (from Hibs) among others.

There are hits and misses among that little lot, but the real test for the Dens men will come in the new season as they prepare for life in the hurly-burly of the Top Ten.

That, then, is a look at just some of the transfer deals in Scotland over the past year or so. Some moves came off and others flopped. The merry-go-round will spin again next season ... we hope some players and managers have better luck!

Jim Bone (above) could soon be on the move. Morton signed Bobby Thompson (below) for £10,000 from St. Johnstone. Rangers' manager John Greig paid only a modest fee for Billy Urquhart (extreme right) seen here outjumping Hibernian's defender George Stewart.



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When the Blues won 21-0

THE 1979-80 season will see Chelsea Football Club in the Second Division, the same Division where the Stamford Bridge club started their Football League career in 1905.

Chelsea were formed in April of that year and it took only months to win a place in the Second Division. A season later the club recorded their biggest ever League victory when they beat Glossop 9-2 in the Second Division at Stamford Bridge in the 1906-07 season.

But there is no doubt which match provided Chelsea with their highest ever victory. Jeunesse Hautcharage from Luxembourg had already been crushed 8-0 on their own ground by Chelsea in the first-leg, First Round of the European Cup-Winners' Cup in the 1971-72 season.

Record

The team from Luxembourg were expecting the worst in the return at Stamford Bridge and got it—Chelsea winning 13-0 to set up a new record for European competitions.

Back to the early days of the club, Chelsea had finished third in their first season in the Second Division, and then won promotion in the next as runners-up to Nottingham Forest.

Three seasons were spent in the First Division followed by two more in the Second before they won promotion again in 1911-12.

The First World War was raging when Chelsea made their first F.A. Cup Final appearance as runners-up to Sheffield United 3-0 in 1915.

Chelsea were to stay in the First Division until 1924 when they were

relegated and spent six seasons back in the Second.

Promotion in 1930 was to see the Stamford Bridge supporters enjoy First Division soccer until 1962.

In that time, in the 1954-55 season, Chelsea won their only League Championship. It was a good year for Chelsea to win it, as it was their Golden Jubilee Year.

Promotion

All good things come to an end and Chelsea were relegated for the third time in their history at the end of the 1961-62 season. It took only one term for Chelsea to win promotion as runners-up for the fourth time in the club's history.

It was the start of a golden era for the team. In the 1964-65 season Chelsea won the Football League Cup after a two-leg Final with Leicester City.

In 1967 they played in their first Wembley Final and the first all-London F.A. Cup Final when they lost 2-1 to Tottenham.

Chelsea liked establishing records at Wembley and when they returned in 1970, against Leeds United, they featured in the first drawn Final at the Stadium.

It was 2-2 after extra-time at Wembley and Chelsea won, again after extra-time, 2-1 in the replay at Old Trafford.

A season later Chelsea won the European Cup-Winners' Cup by beating Real Madrid in a replay in Athens 2-1 (after a 1-1 draw).

Chelsea were relegated again in 1975, and spent two seasons in the Second before winning their place back in the top grade and then being relegated again in May this year.



David Webb scores Chelsea's fifth goal in their 13-0 thrashing of Jeunesse Hautcharage in 1971.

PEN-PICTURES

(L.App.— League appearances, G.— Goals, S.— Substitutes. All records to the end of the 1978-79 season.)

TREVOR AYLOTT: Striker signed professional in November, 1975. Born London. Ht. 6ft. 1in. Wt. 13st. 10lb. L.App.— 23 and 3 sub. G.— 2.

EAMONN BANNON: Midfielder signed from Hearts in January, 1979. Scottish Under-21 caps. L.App.— (Chelsea) 19. G.— 1.

PETAR BOROTA (right): Goal-keeper signed from Red Star (Yugoslavia) in March, 1979. Yugoslavia international. L.App.— (Chelsea) 12.

IAN BRITTON: Midfielder signed professional in July, 1971. Born Dundee. Ht. 5ft. 5in. Wt. 9st. 7lb. L.App.— 168 and 4 sub. G.— 22.

MICKY DROY: Central defender signed professional from Slough Town in October, 1970. Born London. Ht. 6ft. 4in. Wt. 12st. 2lb. L.App.— 155 and 2 sub. G.— 6.

RON HARRIS: Defender signed professional in November, 1961. England Under-23 international. Born London. Ht. 5ft. 8in. Wt. 11st. 7lb. L.App.— 608 and 8. Sub. G.— 11.

TOMMY LANGLEY: Striker signed professional in March, 1975. England Under-21 and 'B' caps. Born London. Ht. 5ft. 11in. Wt. 11st. 7lb. L.App.— 94 and 12 sub. G.— 30.

RAY LEWINGTON: Midfielder signed professional in February, 1974. Born London. Ht. 5ft. 7in. Wt. 10st. 3lb. L.App.— 80 and 5 sub. G.— 4.

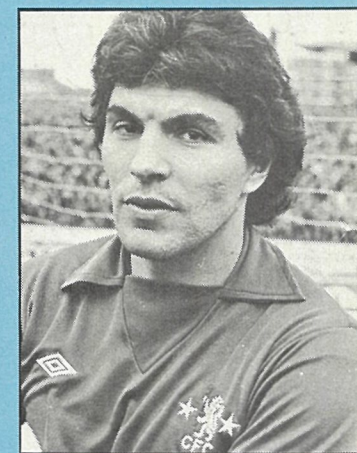
MICHAEL NUTTON: Defender signed professional in October, 1977. Born London. Ht. 5ft. 11in. Wt. 10st. 12lb. L.App.— 15.

PETER OSGOOD: Midfield or striker re-signed by Chelsea from American soccer in December, 1978. England international. Born Windsor. Ht. 6ft. 1½in. Wt. 12st.

6lb. L.App.— Chelsea (two spells) 277 and 3 sub, Southampton 122 and 4 sub, Norwich (loan) 3. G.— Chelsea (two spells) 105, Southampton 28.

JOHN SITTON: Defender signed professional in October, 1977. Born London. Ht. 6ft. Wt. 12st. 2lb. L.App.— 10 and 1 sub.

GARRY STANLEY: Midfielder signed professional in March, 1971. Born Burton-on-Trent. Ht. 5ft. 9½in. Wt. 11st. 8lb. L.App.— 105 and 4 sub. G.— 15.



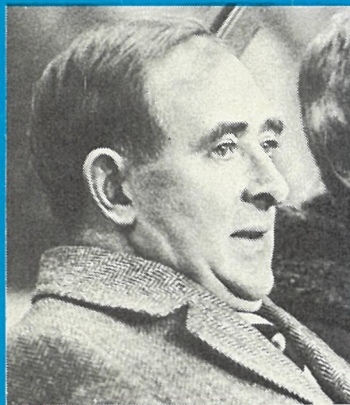
JOHN STRIDE: Defender signed professional in January, 1976. Born Lymington. Ht. 5ft. 9in. Wt. 11st. 5lb. L.App.— 32.

CLIVE WALKER: Winger signed professional in March, 1975. Born Oxford. Ht. 5ft. 8½in. Wt. 11st. 4lb. L.App.— 44 and 10 sub. G.— 11.

GRAHAM WILKINS: Defender and elder brother of Ray. Signed professional in July, 1972. Born Hillingdon. Ht. 5ft. 6½in. Wt. 10st. 2lb. L.App.— 95. G.— 1.

RAY WILKINS: Midfielder signed professional in October, 1973. England. Expected to be transferred in the near future for a £750,000 transfer fee. Born Hillingdon. Ht. 5ft. 7in. Wt. 10st. 10lb. L.App.— 176 and 3 sub. G.— 30.

Blanchflower needs two players



RELEGATION was the last thing that debt ridden Chelsea considered in their future plans when the 1978-79 season started. But the best laid plans go astray and they face up to their third spell in the Second Division since the end of World War Two.

A good start for the team is vital when the new season starts in August. It is a dot on the card that Ray Wilkins, their England midfield star, will be wearing new colours by then. The task for manager Danny Blanchflower, is not only to charm the birds off the trees, but to hope he is given some of the money from the sale of Wilkins to buy the two players he says he needs for the Second Division.

Danny has done a magnificent job as manager of Northern Ireland and needs his fair share of luck in the tough task he has taken on at Stamford Bridge.

CHELSE





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ENGLAND will be hoping to strengthen their position in Group One of the European Championship next week in Sofia by beating Bulgaria. Win, lose or draw, there still won't be a clear favourite because I believe the group won't be decided until the last couple of games.

Obviously, a victory for us would put pressure on Northern Ireland, our main rivals as I write. Defeat for Bulgaria would mean the end of their hopes. A draw . . . well, that would make things very interesting!

Northern Ireland put the cat amongst the pigeons by winning 2-0 in Sofia last year. I must admit to being shocked by that result, especially as Bulgaria didn't even score.

Then, the Irish completed the double over Bulgaria a few weeks ago in Belfast. Some people feel this result did England a favour, but I'd say it did Northern Ireland a favour, no one else. Remember, we have still to travel to Belfast, and even though we won 2-0 in the British Championship, it will be a different matter in the European tie.

I have spoken to Chelsea manager Danny Blanchflower briefly about Bulgaria. The Northern Ireland boss told me how poor Bulgaria were and how surprised he was. You don't expect Bulgaria to be easy, do you?

Apparently, the side that played in Belfast wasn't their strongest owing to an Olympic qualifying tie. It wouldn't surprise me if a much stronger Bulgaria lined up against us next week, perhaps even the same eleven who beat Eire 1-0 on May 19th in Sofia.

I expect the Bulgars to be "physical" and fit, with one or two useful individuals. I know nothing about the present team yet, but I can

remember England winning 1-0 in Sofia five years ago when Joe Mercer was in charge. A similar result this time would be fine.

I'm hoping we've beaten Scotland (because of the advanced printing schedule for Whitsun, I'm writing this just before the Wembley game). Scotland left for the World Cup last year with a home defeat by England hanging over their heads, and we will obviously be in a better frame of mind if we've beaten the Jocks.

In the next few days, Ron Greenwood will be briefing us on Bulgaria, with help from Eddie Bailey, who was with Bill Nicholson for so many years at Spurs. Eddie usually does a spying mission on future opponents and his information can be very useful.

I remember him warning me about Denmark's midfielder Arne-



"We were unfortunate not to beat the Republic."

'Harder for us to win in Bulgaria'

"I enjoyed playing against Denmark in Copenhagen."

**RAY
WILKINS**
Writes for you

sen before the game in Copenhagen. Eddie was right — the boy could certainly play a bit.

The England manager never goes overboard on the opposition, though. He doesn't build them up into a team of supermen so we go out with a complex. He prefers to let them worry about our strengths. If England play as well as we can, then we reckon we can beat just about anyone. Mr. Greenwood will tell us if a side has a good winger, or if the 'keeper is weak on far post crosses . . . general points, nothing too involved.

If we continue to improve as we have, so far, in the European Championship, we should get a good result.

In Eire, we were unfortunate not to win and I'd say the Republic held England to a draw rather than vice-versa. The Irish started brightly and caused us a few problems. As the game wore on we became stronger and it wouldn't have been unfair had we brought both points back instead of one.

The game in Denmark was very open, perhaps too open at times, with both defences being caught out. It was a nerve-racking ending and even though we were leading 4-3, the Danes could have equalised. It was a most enjoyable tie to play in and Denmark looked very useful.

Our best performance was in beating Northern Ireland 4-0 at Wembley. England were outstanding and destroyed the below-par Irishmen. Kevin Keegan was superb — in fact, the whole team played very well.

I believe it will be harder for England to win in Sofia than it was for Northern Ireland. I bet there will be a full house or near enough instead of the 10,000 who saw the Irish game. I have also noticed just how much teams want to beat England.

This is a big compliment to us and it was very evident against Denmark, who put up their best performance for ages, against us.

Only West Germany of the sides I've played against didn't seem to treat England as something special. Maybe they don't need to, with their tradition, but even the Germans admitted they were fortunate to beat us in Munich last year.

All the England players are acutely aware we need to reach the Quarter-Finals of the European Championship to bring ourselves back to the forefront of international football.

I was choked watching the World Cup last year. The cream of world soccer on view and England weren't there. I felt sorry for the older members of the England squad who may never have the opportunity to play in a World Cup, and this determined attitude will, I believe, help to enable us to play in Italy next summer.

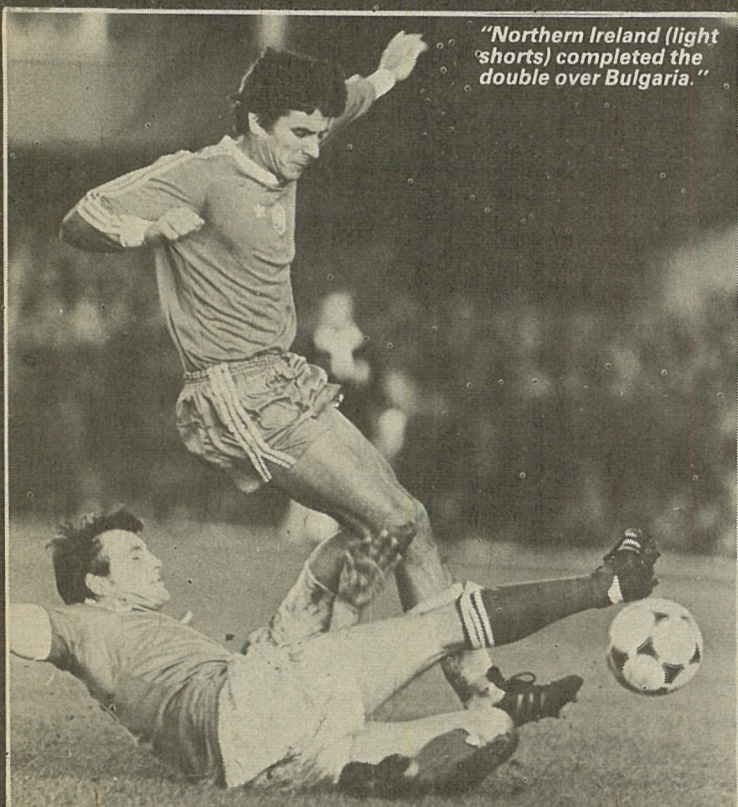
To close, my view of the F.A. Cup Final. Overall, it was a disappointing game, although the last few minutes made it seem more exciting than it really was.

My star player for Arsenal was David O'Leary, with a special mention for the non-stop Brian Talbot. Chippy Brady proved how dangerous he is by being instrumental in all three Arsenal goals. As we say in soccer, he did it when it mattered.

Micky Thomas worked like a beaver for Manchester United, but we'll remember the Final for its crazy finish rather than the game itself.

Join me again in two weeks.

Raymond



"Northern Ireland (light shorts) completed the double over Bulgaria."

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This week's Star Letter comes from Alex Whitten of London, S.W.16, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

SOCCER'S TRUE ENEMY

I'VE just seen a T.V. documentary about American soccer and having been a fan since the War, one or two points were hammered home to me.

Of course we all envy the super stadiums in North America; we like the way soccer is presented as a family sport. But most of all, we must envy the fact soccer in the States is a happy day out (unlike the UNhappy day out it is for our families).

English football hasn't really recognised its true enemy. Administrators and ancient grounds are nothing compared with the attitude of fans. As the ghost said to Scrooge: "Beware of this child."

Visit any game in the Football League and you will see some hatred on the different faces. Not just the teenage warriors — they are only window display.

The REAL hatred is seen all over the seating areas. I'm 50 and I see men of my own age with malice towards opposing fans. Their grim outlook and remarks are unhealthy and to talk to a visiting supporter is not advisable these days.

The ways things are going, next season could be my last one.

● Now read on . . .

Sporting Fans

I ATTENDED the F.A. Cup Final and was amazed (but pleased) at the behaviour of both sets of fans. United and Arsenal fans were very sporting and after the game Gunners' followers told me: "Cheer up. You'll be back next year."

PHILIP HOGG, KINGSWINFORD.

● As I've said before, I believe hooliganism is thankfully on the decrease. It probably won't ever be eliminated totally and every now and again we shall probably see a horrible incident to make us wonder. I write these words before England/Scotland, which will have been a big test for both sets of supporters.

Only Two?

AT Bournemouth's last home game, I saw a stupid action by the police. Bournemouth were losing 1-0 to Wigan, but eventually won 2-1. Two small boys ran on the pitch at the end; one was pushed back by the police and the other manhandled. I ask you: what harm can a few happy fans do?

RICHARD PERRY, BOURNEMOUTH.

● Two fans can quickly become 22 . . . and then 122 . . . and then a

mini-riot. True fans keep off the pitch at all times.

Tip For The Top

IN three years, Allan Clarke will be a First Division manager. He looks a fine prospect amongst the new crop of soccer bosses, having steered Barnsley to promotion from Division Four in his first season.

I believe Barnsley can "do a Watford" by winning promotion again next season.

Well done, "Sniffer"!

CHRIS BRYAN, DONCASTER.

● Maybe Allan's former Leeds captain Billy Bremner (below) can do a similar job with your home club.



Pen-Pal

I AM a 20-year-old Dutch boy and I'd like to correspond with someone in England. My favourite teams are Ajax, Feyenoord, Manchester United and Ipswich Town.

ANDRE VAN DER SPEK, BOUWMEESTERWEG 40, 3123 AA SCHIEDAM, HOLLAND.

Decline

NEXT season London will have just three First Division clubs — Arsenal, Spurs and Crystal Palace. No less than seven will be in Division Two — Q.P.R., Chelsea, Fulham, Orient, Charlton, West Ham and, give or take a few miles, Watford.

Is any more proof needed that soccer in the South is on the decline?

PETER RICHARDSON, STOCKPORT

● Arsenal did beat Manchester United in the F.A. Cup Final, but — yes — overall there isn't too much to cheer about in the capital.

THE MANAGER-



KEITH BURKINSHAW — SPURS

'I've always believed in straight talking'

KEITH Burkinshaw graduated from coach to manager at Tottenham three years ago and it looked as though he might be another to fail at the higher level when his team were relegated at the end of his first season in charge.

Many excellent coaches have found management too demanding for them. But since that worrying stage Burkinshaw has proved he can cope with all aspects of the position.

"The big difference is management," says Burkinshaw.

"When I was a coach, it was not so important. But now I've got to handle players the right way.

"I've always believed in straight talking and that's how I deal with my players. On occasions, I've been disappointed to find a player hasn't been equally honest with me. But I'll never change my way of doing things.

"People have said the players got me the job at White Hart Lane. That's not true. I think they welcomed my appointment when Terry Neill left to take over at Arsenal, but the directors had already made up their minds.

"The support of the directors is essential to any manager, if he is to do his work properly. They stood by me after we were relegated and in the 1977-78 season, when our promotion was touch and go, they gave me every support.

"I'm very involved in football and I don't think any manager can say he never worries. But I don't lose sleep over the game and when I'm home, I concentrate all my attentions on my wife and two daughters.

"I like to relax by watching TV or by reading detective or thriller novels. Alistair MacLean is one of my favourites."

Spurs are now re-establishing themselves in the First Division, and next season Burkinshaw is expecting big things from them.

"When you first take over a team, it can be difficult to get the right blend. Then you can be frustrated by injuries.

"I've got better ideas about where players can be most use to the team, now. I've got people like Osvaldo Ardiles and Glenn Hoddle, who can play in a number of positions.

"Ossie is best known for his midfield work and he did a great job for me there last season. But towards the end, he did well up front. I'm still not sure where he'll play next season — but that's a nice problem."



DAVE SEXTON — MAN. UNITED

'Under pressure to do well'

the outskirts of the city. It's a marvellous area for football and a great intensity of feeling towards the game.

"Until you come up here, you don't realise just how passionate people are about football, especially the Manchester United fans. I've really enjoyed it."

Managing a club as famous as United presents special problems. "They expect success here and they expect to be entertained, too. It's a job most managers dream about and once you're in the chair, you are conscious of the pressures to do well.

"What has helped me a lot is talking to the people at the club who have been around long enough to remember bad times as well as good in the past.

"As an outsider, you always imagine United have just had one, long, run of success with no problems along the way.

"That isn't true, of course. They've had their ups and downs like everyone else and that can be a consoling thought."

The club's famous name can, anyway, be a two-edged sword, according to their manager.

"It can be daunting when you look back and see all the success that has been achieved at Old Trafford. But I think some teams you play can also be overawed in a way that they wouldn't be against any other club. The name of United sends a shiver down them."

DAVE Sexton's football wanderings were confined to the perimeter of London before he went North to become manager of Manchester United.

So he's faced a complete change of environment since taking over one of the most coveted jobs in football.

He says: "I didn't realise just how many clubs were concentrated in such a relatively small area.

"Leeds and Liverpool are only an hour's drive from Manchester and there are plenty of other clubs on



Spurs' Ardiles. Osvaldo



Lou Macari in action for United against Arsenal at Old Trafford.

A job of dreams and nightmares

Four bosses talk about their lives in the hot seat



Allan Clarke guided Barnsley to promotion.

ALLAN CLARKE — BARNSLEY 'Essential to do a good PR job'

ALLAN Clarke is clearly a fast learner, judging by his performance in bringing Barnsley up from the Fourth Division in his first season as player-manager.

According to Clarke, he made a mistake in the first match of the season with the team he put out, playing himself in midfield rather than in his customary striking role.

By game two, the former Leeds and England striker was leading from the front as usual — and continued to do so all season.

He says: "Once I put that right, the team did really well and only a sticky patch towards the end cost us a chance of the Championship."

One of the biggest problems about being a player-manager, says Clarke, is he has to turn down invitations to social occasions that most managers can't afford to ignore.

"It's essential for a manager to do a good public relations job and I obviously go out to as many local functions as I can. But the fact I'm still playing means I have to watch when I eat and drink. So towards the end of the week, I have to turn down invites I'd like to take up.

"If you ask me the secret of my success, I'd say good players. They've shown a tremendous commitment to Barnsley and I've been pleased with all of them. This game is all about players, anyway."

Clarke, remarkably, only decided about four years ago he wanted to go into management. For someone so unsure about his ability to serve at the level, he has done superbly.

But he's not satisfied just with promotion. "My job is to get Barnsley back on the football map. I'm delighted we're in Division Three next season, but that's only the start of the job."

The influence of Revie at Leeds has obviously had a profound effect on Clarke's thinking but he's very much his own man.

"I've learned things from every manager I've played under and it's natural I learned most from Don Revie because he's the best club manager I've known."

"But don't get the idea I run Barnsley the way Don Revie did at Leeds. I don't. I do it the way Allan Clarke thinks it should be run."

TO Harry Haslam, the most important part of a manager's function is keeping the books balanced.

Says the Sheffield United manager: "Success means different things to different people. To some, it's all the trophies up on the wall. But the greatest success of all is a black bank book. And that's so hard."

Haslam did a tremendous job to keep his former club Luton afloat when it looked as though they might go to the wall.

From his point of view, as a manager, the problem was to sell enough players to survive, while maintaining a club that could achieve success.

Ultimately, he says, you have got to produce your own talent if you want to succeed.

"Transfer fees are ridiculous and they're going to get worse. If you don't think so, imagine what Nottingham Forest would want if they sold Trevor Francis tomorrow. Would they ask a million pounds or a million and £250,000?"

"When you first go to a club, you have to buy while your youngsters are coming through. But ideally, you want to reach a situation where you're only buying one player a year."

"I've got one or two lads at Sheffield United now that I'm positive will make it. And there are others who aren't far off it. They are the future of the club."

Haslam, who's always been known as 'Happy Harry', didn't have much occasion to smile a few weeks ago with the United side slipping into Division Three.

"In any season, there are times when you have a good laugh and others, when you are furious about a performance. At Luton, the first probably outweighed the second, but I think we'll reach a time here when we can look back and laugh

at things."

Sheffield United will, of course, be in the Third Division along with their neighbours Wednesday next season.

And Haslam, like every manager of a relegated club, knows his job is under close scrutiny.

But he says: "If I was sacked tomorrow and another manager came in, he'd find things in a lot better shape than when I arrived. That's what the job is all about."



HARRY HASLAM — SHEFFIELD UTD 'Success is a black bank book'



Sheffield United's Argentinian Alex Sabella.

RESULTS... SCORERS... TEAM LINE-UPS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

FOURTH DIVISION

Continued

NEWPORT (2) 4 (Goddard, Moore, Oakes, Lowndes)

HEREFORD (0) 1 (McGrellis) 3,771

Newport: Plumley; Walden, Relish, Davies, Oakes, Bruton, Bailey, Lowndes, Goddard, Tynan, Moore.

Hereford: Hughes; Hunt, Thomas, Strong, Layton, Emery, Feeley, Hendry, McGrellis, Gould, White.

ROCHDALE (0) 0

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Fletcher, Robins) 2,020

Rochdale: Felgate; Hart, Snookes, Creamer, Scott, Taylor, Hilditch (Hoy), Esser, Jones, O'Loughlin, Owen.

Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Holmes, Harvey, Sutton, Fletcher, Hart, Armstrong, Robins, Bielby.

SCOTTISH CUP

Semi-Final

ABERDEEN (1) 1 (Archibald)

HIBERNIAN (2) 2 (Rae, McLeod pen.)

at Hampden 9,837

Aberdeen: Gardiner; Kennedy, McLelland (McLeish), Watson (Hamilton), Rougvie, Miller, Strachan, Archibald, Harper, Jarvie, Scanlon.

Hibs: McArthur; Brazil, Duncan, Bremner, Stewart, McNamara, Rae, McLeod, Campbell, Callaghan, Brown.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

DUNDEE UTD (1) 2 (Holt, Dodds)

CELTIC (1) 1 (Davidson) 14,424

Dundee U: McAlpine; Stewart, Stark, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Addison, Sturrock, Dodds, Holt, Kirkwood.

Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, Lynch, Aitken, Edvaldsson, McLeod, Provan, Conroy, Davidson, Burns, Lennox (McAdam).

HEARTS (0) 0

PARTICK (1) 2 (Somner, Park) 5,000

Hearts: Allan; Kidd, Brown, Rodger, Jeffries, Shaw (McQuade), Gibson, Fraser, O'Connor (Craig), Black, Robertson.

Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Campbell, Anderson, Gibson, Houston, Melrose, O'Hara, Somner, Park.

MORTON (1) 1 (Ritchie)

ST. MIRREN (0) 0 7,500

Morton: Baines; Miller, Holmes, Evans, Orr, Rooney, Russell, McLaren, Hutchison, McNeill, Ritchie.

St. Mirren: Thomson; Young, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Richardson, Stark, Bone, Abercrombie, McGarvey.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

FOURTH DIVISION

BARNLEY (1) 1 (Bell)

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 11,398

Barnley: Springett; Collins, Chambers, Riley, Saunders, McCarthy, Little, Clarke, Graham, Millar, Bell.

Hartlepool: Watson; Smith, Gorry, Hogan, Goldthorpe, Ayre, Linacre, Houchen, Lawrence, Harding, Norton (Loadwick).

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 13

FIRST DIVISION

Q.P.R. 0

NORWICH 0 14,654

Q.P.R.: Richardson; Clement, Wallace (Allen), Hollins, Howe, Roeder, McGee, Shanks, Walsh, Busby, Goddard.

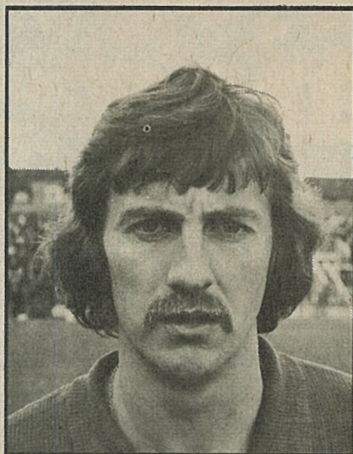
Norwich: Hansbury; Bond, Davies, McGuire (Fashanu), Hoadley, Powell, Symonds, Reeves, Robson, Paddon, Peters.

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Waldron)

W.B.A. (0) 1 (Regis) 22,063

Southampton: Wells; Golac, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Hayes, Holmes, Baker.

W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Treweek, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Mills (Brown, T.), Cunningham.



Barry Powell scored from a penalty against Bristol City.

SECOND DIVISION

BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Clark, Shaw o.g.)

CHARLTON (0) 0 30,859

Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Sayer, Rollings, Lawrenson, Ryan (Horton), Poskett, Chivers, Clark, O'Sullivan.

Charlton: Wood; Warman, Campbell (Berry), Gritt, Shipperley, Shaw, Powell, Tydeman, Hales, Madden, Churchouse.

OLDHAM (3) 5 (Young 3, Hilton, Stainrod)

BLACKBURN (0) 0 10,056

Oldham: McDonnell; Keegan, Edwards, Hilton, Blair, Hurst, Halom, Stainrod, Young, Chapman, Heaton.

Blackburn: Ramsbottom; Rathbone, Bailey, Coughlin, Parkin, Fazakerley, Brotherston, Fowler, Craig (Round), McKenzie, Aston.

SUNDERLAND (2) 3 (Lee, Brown, Chisholm)

NOTTS CO (0) 0 34,027

Sunderland: Siddall; Whitworth, Gilbert, Docherty, Ashurst, Elliott, Chisholm, Rostron, Brown (Entwistle), Buckley, Lee.

Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Blockley, Stubbs, Mann, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks (Green), Hunt, Vinter.

THIRD DIVISION

BRENTFORD (1) 3 (McCulloch, Kruse, Salmon)

SOUTHEND (0) 0 11,500

Brentford: Bond; Shrubbs, Tucker, McNichol, Kruse, Fraser, Salmon, Glover, Alder, McCulloch, Phillips.

Southend: Cawston; Walker, Yates, Stead, Moody, Cusack, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Dudley, Otulakowski.

BURY (1) 2 (Beamish)

CARLISLE (2) 2 (Tait, Kemp) 4,838

Bury: Forrest; Ritson, Hatton, Lugg, Bailey, Whitehead, Stanton, Wilson, Beamish, Gregory, Taylor.

Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, MacDonald, Tait, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Lumby, Kemp, Ludlam.

CHESTER (1) 4 (Oakes, Phillips pen., Edwards, Henderson)

BLACKPOOL (0) 2 (Jones, Thompson) 4,439

Chester: Lloyd; Nickeas, Burns (Sutcliffe), Storton, Jefferies, Oakes, Jones, Livermore, Edwards, Phillips, Henderson.

Blackpool: Hesford; Malone, Pashley (Jones), Thompson, Suddaby, McEwan, Hockaday, Kellow, Spence, Chandler, Weston.

HULL (1) 1 (Galvin)

SHEFF. WED (0) 1 (Curran) 10,936

Hull: Blackburn; Nisbet, Skipper, Hawker, Croft, Haigh, Roberts, Horswill, Edwards (McDonald), Bannister, Galvin.

Sheff. W: Turner; Shirliff, Rushbury, Mullen, Pickering, Johnson, Wylde, Porterfield, Curran, Lowey, Hornsby.

WATFORD (0) 0

COLCHESTER (1) 3 (Lee 2, Gough) 17,903

Watford: Rankin; Stirk, Pritchett, Booth (Downes), Bolton, Garner, Pollard, Blissett, Jenkins, Joslyn, Train.

Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wright, Hodge, Wignall, Packer, Foley, Gough, Downham, Lee, Allinson.

Postponed: Tranmere v Rotherham

FOURTH DIVISION

READING (1) 2 (Lewis, Shipley)

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 15,054

Reading: Death; Peters, White, Sanchez, Hicks, Bennett, Alexander, Hetzke, Kearney, Shipley, Lewis.

Portsmouth: Mellor; Wilson, Milligan, Denyer (Pullar), Foster, Davey, Hemmerman, Lathan, Garwood, Showers, Bryant.

WIGAN (0) 5 (Houghton 3, Brownbill, Moore)

PORT VALE (2) 3 (Wright, Todd 2) 8,452

Wigan: Brown; Smart, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward (Brownbill), Fretwell, Corrigan, Wright, Houghton, Moore, Purdie.

Port Vale: Dance; Keenan, Griffiths, Beech (Chamberlain M.), Delgado, Hawkins, Chamberlain (N), Farrington, Wright, Todd, Healy.

YORK 0

GRIMSBY 0 5,401

York: Brown; Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Ford, Randall, Loggie, McDonald, Stanforth.

Grimby: Batch; Moore (D), Moore (K), Waters, Wigginton, Crombie, Brolly, Ford, Liddell, Lester, Cumming.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Ainscow)

WOLVES (1) 1 (Richards) 20,556

Birmingham: Freeman; Broadhurst, Dennis, Towers, Gallagher, Tarantini, Barrowclough, Ainscow, Givens, Buckley (Van den Hauwe), Dillon.

Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, McAlle, Berry, Hibbitt, Daley, Rafferty, Richards, Carr.

BOLTON 0

MIDDLESBROUGH 0 22,621

Bolton: McDonagh; Graham, Dunne (Allardyce), Greaves, Jones, Walsh, Morgan, Whatmore, Gowing, Worthington, Smith.

Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Johnson, Mahoney, Boam, McAndrew, Jankovic, Proctor, Ashcroft, Burns, Armstrong.

CHELSEA (0) 1 (Stanley)

SOUTHAMPTON (2) 2 (Peach pen., Holmes) 18,243

Chelsea: Borota; Wilkins (G), Stride, Bannon, Sifton, Harris, Langley, Wilkins (R), Osgood (Stanley), Aylott, Fillery.

Southampton: Wells; Golac, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Hayes, Holmes, Baker.

COVENTRY (3) 3 (Powell pen., Hutchison, Hunt)

BRISTOL C (0) 2 (Mabbutt, Gow) 17,812

Coventry: Sealey; Roberts, McDonald, Yorath (Hagan), Holton, Coop, Nardiello, Blair, Hunt, Powell, Hutchison.

Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Cooper, Gow, Rodgers (Whitehead), Hunter, Mann, Ritchie, Royle, Mabbutt, Meyer.

DERBY (1) 1 (Webb)

NOTT FOREST (2) 2 (Birtles, O'Neill) 30,256

Derby: McKellar, Langan, Buckley, Moreland, Webb, Gwicks, Carter, Powell, Greenwood, Emson, Crawford.

Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Clark, Bowyer, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Francis, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.

LEEDS (1) 1 (Hart)

ASTON VILLA (0) 0 24,281

Leeds: Harvey; Cherry, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Madeley, Gray (E) (Harris), Hankin, Hawley, Hird, Graham.

Aston Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Gibson, Evans, McNaught, Gregory, Cowans, Little, Deehan, Copley, Swain.

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Dalglish, Neal)

MAN. UTD (0) 0 46,608

Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.

Man. U: Bailey; Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, Greenhoff (B), Buchan, Coppell, Ritchie (Houston), Jordan, Macari, Thomas.

MAN. CITY 0

EVERTON 0 39,711

Man. C: Corrigan; Fletcher (P), Power, Booth (Bennett), Watson, Henry, Palmer, Viljoen, Silkman, Hartford, Barnes.

Everton: Wood; Barton, Jones (Telfer), Higgins, Wright, Ross, Todd, Nulty, King, Kidd, Eastoe.

NORWICH (0) 0

IPSWICH (0) 1 (Thijssen) 25,061

Norwich: Hansbury; Bond (Fashanu), Davies, McGuire, Hoadley, Powell, Robson, Reeves, Symonds, Paddon, Peters.

Ipswich: Sivell; Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Beattie (Geddis), Wark, Gates, Mariner, Muhren, Woods.

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Perryman)

Q.P.R. (1) 1 (Clement) 28,853

Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes, McAllister, Miller, Perryman, Pratt, Taylor, Jones, Hoddle, Villa.

Q.P.R.: Richardson; Clement, Shanks, Hollins, Howe, Roeder, Busby, Francis, Walsh, Bowles, Goddard.

W.B.A. (0) 1 (Brown T)

ARSENAL (1) 1 (Brady) 28,353

W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Treweek, Cunningham.

Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Talbot, O'Leary, Walford, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton (Gatting), Price, Rix.



West Ham's Pat Holland opened the scoring at Orient.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Garner)

BURNLEY (0) 2 (Morley, Hall) 14,761

Blackburn: Ramsbottom; Rathbone, Bailey, Coughlin, Parkin, Waddington, Brotherston, Fowler, Garner, Round, McKenzie.

Burnley: Stevenson; Arins, Jakub, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Hall, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon (Morley), James.

BRISTOL R (0) 0

C. PALACE (1) 1 (Walsh) 10,986

Bristol R: Thomas; Jones, Bater, Aitken, Taylor, Emmanuel, Dennehy, Williams, White, Staniforth, Hendrie (Clarke).

Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Kember, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Murphy, Swindlehurst (Fenwick), Sealy, Walsh.

CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Finney)

FULHAM (0) 0 6,573

Cambridge: Webster; Graham, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Buckley, Murray, Spriggs, Streete, Finney, Biley.

Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Lock, Money, Gale, Davies, Beck, Guthrie, Kitchen (Evanson), Margerrison.

CARDIFF (2) 3 (Stevens, Evans, Moore)

BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Ward) 12,613

Cardiff: Healey; Jones, Sullivan, Campbell, Thomas, Roberts, Buchanan, Bishop, Evans, Moore, Stevens.

Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Sayer, Ward, Maybank, Clark (Poskett), O'Sullivan.

CHARLTON (1) 1 (Hales pen.)

STOKE (1) 4 (Richardson, Randall, O'Callaghan, Irvine) 9,084

Charlton: Wood; Shaw, Warman, Gritt, Shipperley (Brisley), Berry, Powell, Robinson, Hales, Madden, Peacock.

Stoke: Jones; Dodd, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Doyle, Randall, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks (Conroy), Richardson.

LEICESTER (0) 1 (Henderson)

SUNDERLAND (0) 2 (Docherty, Brown) 20,740
Leicester: Wallington; Goodwin, Rofe, Williams, O'Neill, May, Peake, Kelly, Henderson, Buchanan (Hughes), Smith.

Sunderland: Siddall; Whitworth, Gilbert, Docherty, Ashurst, Elliott, Chisholm, Arnott, Brown, Buckley, Lee.

LUTON (2) 2 (Moss 2, 1 pen.)

MILLWALL (2) 2 (Chambers, Seaman) 8,292
Luton: Findlay; Stephens, Aizlewood, Donaghy, Philipson-Masters, Birchenall, Hill, West, Stein (Taylor), Hatton, Moss.
Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Sparrow, Chatterton, Kitchener, Tagg, O'Callaghan (Mehmet), Seaman, Mitchell, Walker, Chambers.

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Shoulder)

SHEFF. UTD (2) 3 (Brownlie o.g., Rioch, Anderson) 19,121

Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Nattrass, Martin, Mitchell, Blackley, Shoulder, Cassidy, Withe, Hibbitt, Connolly.

Sheff. U: Conroy; Cutchush, Tibbott, Kenworthy, McPhail, Rioch, Anderson, Speight, Finnieston, Sabella, Hamson.

NOTTS CO 0

OLDHAM 0 7,023

Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Blockley, Stubbs, Mann, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks (Benjamin), Hunt, Vinter.
Oldham: McDonnell; Wood, Blair (Gardner), Hurst, Edwards, Hilton, Keegan, Halom, Young, Chapman, Heaton.

ORIENT (0) 0

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Holland, Pike) 17,517

Orient: Jackson; Hughton, Roffey, Grealish, Gray (N), Went, Chiedoie, Moores, Mayo (Clarke), Whittle, Coates.
West Ham: Parkes, McDowell, Brush, Bonds, Martin, Taylor (T), Holland, Devonshire, Cross, Pike, Robson.

WREXHAM (2) 2 (Lyons pen., McNeil)

PRESTON (1) 1 (Robinson) 13,419

Wrexham: Davies; Jones, Dwyer, Davis (Lyons), Roberts, Giles, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Cartwright.
Preston: Tunks; Taylor, Cameron, Bell, Baxter, O'Riordan, Coleman, Haslegrave, Robinson, Potts, Bruce (Elliott).

THIRD DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (2) 2 (Spence, Jones)

TRANMERE (0) 0 4,798

Blackpool: Hesford; Gardner, Malone, Thompson, Suddaby, McEwan, Kellow, Jones, Spence, Weston, Hockaday.
Tranmere: Johnson; Cliff, Flood, Parry, Bramhall (Craven), Postlewhite, Evans, O'Neil, Kerr, Thomas, McAuley.

CARLISLE (1) 1 (MacDonald)

CHESTER (0) 1 (Phillips) 5,309

Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, MacDonald, Tait, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Kemp, Lumby, Ludlam.
Chester: Lloyd; Nickeas, Raynor, Storton, Jeffries, Oakes, Jones, Livermore, Edwards, Henderson (Mellor), Phillips.

COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Gough)

OXFORD (0) 1 (Taylor) 3,897

Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wright, Hodge (Evans), Wignall, Packer, Dowman, Gough, Dyer, Lee, Allinson.
Oxford: Burton; Taylor, Fogg, Briggs, Bodell, Duncan, Graydon, Jeffrey, Berry (McGrogan), Seacole, Hodgson.

LINCOLN (0) 0

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Sargent) 4,610

Lincoln: Grotier; Hubbard, Laybourne, Fleming, Cross, Cooper, Neale, Ward, Sunley, Harford, Cockerill.

Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Carmichael, Doyle, Smith (Glynn), Ross, Quow, Sharkey, Guy, Cliss, Sargent.

MANSFIELD (0) 0

HULL (2) 2 (Bannister, Edwards) 5,138

Mansfield: Arnold; Dawkins, Foster (B), Curtis, Saxby, Bird, Miller, Carter, Austin, Hamilton (Allen), Martin.

Hull: Wealands; Nisbet, Skipper, Roberts, Croft, Haigh, Hawker, Horswill, Edwards, Bannister, Galvin.

PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (Binney pen., Johnson)

BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Carlton) 6,344

Plymouth: Hodge; McNeill, Hodges, Bason, Uzzell, Harrison, Megson, Johnson, Binney, Trusson, Rogers.

Brentford: Bond; Shrubbs (Smith), Tucker, Salaman, Kruse, McNichol, Carlton, Fraser, Alder, Graham, Phillips.

ROTHERHAM (1) 2 (Rhodes, Gwyther)

BURY (0) 1 (Beamish) 2,726

Rotherham: McAllister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Green, Stancliffe, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Carr, Crawford.

Bury: Forrest; Hatton (Madden), Whitehead, Ritson, Bailey, Stanton, Lugg, Wilson, Beamish, Gregory, Taylor.

SHEFF. WED (2) 4 (Rushbury, Wyld 2, Johnson)

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 12,960

Sheff. W: Turner; Shirtliff, Rushbury, Pickering, Mullen, Johnson, Curran (Owen), Porterfield, Wyld, Nimmo, Hornsby.

Chesterfield: Letheran; Flavell, O'Neill, Kowalski, Cottam, Tarrt, Heppollette, Moss, Fern, Salmons (Burton), Walker.

SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Birch)

WATFORD (1) 1 (Bolton) 13,320

Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Larkin, Cross, Griffin, Keay, Birch, Atkins, Tong, Biggins, Lindsay.

Watford: Rankin; Stirr, Harrison, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Pollard, Blissett, Jenkins, Joslyn, Downes.

SOUTHEND (0) 0

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Westwood) 7,291

Southend: Horn; Walker, Yates, Dudley, Moody, Hadley, Fell, Pountney, Parker, Abbott, Otulakowski.

Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Barker, Overton, Weatherley, Hughes, Nicholl, White, Price, Westwood, Funnell.

SWINDON (0) 0

SWANSEA (1) 1 (James) 16,971

Swindon: Allan; Trollope, Ford (Bates), McHale, Aizlewood, Stroud, Miller, Carter, Rowland, Mayes, Hamilton.

Swansea: Crudgington; Phillips, Bartley, Smith, Stevenson, Boersma (Charles), Attley, James, Curtis; Waddle, Callaghan.

WALSALL (2) 2 (Sbragia, Birch)

EXETER (1) 2 (Rogers, Delve) 3,118

Walsall: Turner; Jones, Caswell, King, Serella, Sbragia, Birch, Waddington, Syrett, Williams, Rees.

Exeter: Main; Templeman, Hore, Bowker, Giles, Roberts, Neville, Rogers, Sims, Delve, Hatch.

FOURTH DIVISION

ALDERSHOT (1) 2 (Dungworth 2)

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 4,438

Aldershot: Johnson; Scott, Howitt, Longhorn, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.

Northampton: Jayes; Geidmintis, Mead, Saunders, Robertson, Matthews, Farrington, Williams, Reilly, Froggatt, Wassell.



Terry Curran hit Sheffield Wednesday's equaliser v. Hull.

BOURNEMOUTH 0

READING 0 5,638

Bournemouth: Allen, Cunningham, Ferns, Miller, Brown (R), Holder, Borthwick, MacDougall, Scott, Brown (K), Massey.

Reading: Death; Peters, White, Sanchez, Hicks, Bennett, Alexander, Hetzke, Kearney, Shipley, Lewis.

CREWE (0) 1 (Coyne)

WIGAN (1) 1 (Purdie pen.) 4,604

Crewe: Rafferty; Wilkinson, Dulson, Purdie (Roberts), Bowles, Bevan, Robertson, Cheetham, Coyne, Nelson, Warnock.

Wigan: Brown; Smart, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward, Fretwell, Corrigan, Wright, Houghton (Brownbill), Moore, Purdie.

DARLINGTON (3) 3 (Stone, Walsh, Hedley)

DONCASTER (1) 2 (Snodin, Packer) 1,967

Darlington: Burleigh; Stone, Nattrass, Hedley, Craig, Hague, Lyons, Wann, Ferguson (Maitland), Peachey, Walsh.

Doncaster: Peacock; Flanagan, Lister, Lally, Cannell, Olney, Meagan, Snodin, Packer, Cox, Bentley.

GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Drinkell)

SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Kavanagh) 10,197

Grimsbey: Batch; Moore (D); Moore (K) (Donovan), Waters, Wigginton, Crombie, Brolly, Ford, Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming.

Scunthorpe: Crawford; O'Donnell (Gibson), Peacock, Oates, Deere, Czuczman, Grimes, Kilmore, Couch, Kavanagh, Keeley.

HALIFAX (0) 2 (Mountford, Sidebottom)

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 3 (Fletcher 2, Holmes) 4,027

Halifax: Kilner; Hutt, Dunleavy, Smith, Trainer, Sidebottom, Firth, Kennedy, Mountford, Johnson (Nixon), Loska.

Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Holmes, Sutton, Hanvey, Fletcher (Brangan), Hart, Armstrong, Robins, Bielby.

HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Houchen)

YORK (0) 1 (McDonald) 2,343

Hartlepool: Watson; Smith, Gorry, Norton (Crumplin), Goldthorpe, Ayre, Linacre, Houchen, Lawrence, Hardy, Loadwick.

York: Brown; Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Ford, Randall (Stronach), Loggie, McDonald, Staniforth.

HEREFORD (1) 1 (McGrellis)

STOCKPORT (0) 0 3,609

Hereford: Hughes; Hunt (Phillips), Thomas, Strong, Layton, Emery, McGrellis, Feeley, Gould, Hendry, White.

Stockport: Lawson; Halford, Rutter, Edwards, Thorpe, Armstrong, Henson, Sumner (Seddon), Bradd, Prudham, Lee.

PORTSMOUTH 0

WIMBLEDON 0 11,453

Portsmouth: Mellor; Ellis, Viney, Barnard, Foster (Pullar), Davey, Hemmerman, Lathan, Garwood, Showers, Bryant.

Wimbledon: Goddard; Perkins, Haverson, Galliers, Bowgett, Cunningham, Leslie, Briley, Knowles (Driver), Cork, Parsons.

PORT VALE (1) 3 (Chamberlain (N), Wright, Todd)

BARNLEY (1) 2 (Graham, Keenan o.g.) 5,226

Port Vale: Dance; Keenan, Griffiths, Delgado, Hawkins, Bentley, Chamberlain (N), Farrell, Wright, Todd, Chamberlain (M).

Barnsley: Springett; Collins, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Little, Riley, Graham, Millar (Banks), Bell.

ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Scott)

BRADFORD (0) 0 2,262

Rochdale: Felgate; Hart, Taylor, Creamer, Scott, Snookes, Hoy, O'Loughlin, Hilditch, Collins (Milne), Owen.

Bradford: Smith; Podd, Wood, Reaney, Baines, Watson, Jackson (D), Dolan, Szabo, Bates (Jackson P), Hutchins.

TORQUAY (0) 2 (Lawrence 2)

NEWPORT (0) 0 3,181

Torquay: Turner; Twichin, Ritchie, Green, Payne, Dunne, Davies, Murphy, Cooper, Clark (Lawrence), Coffill.

Newport: Plumley; Walden, Relish, Davies, Oakes, Bruton, Bailey, Lowndes, Goddard, Tynan, Moore.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

HEARTS (0) 0

DUNDEE UTD (2) 3 (Dodds 2, Kirkwood) 7,800

Hearts: Allan; Kidd, Black (Craig), Liddell, Jeffries, Brown, Robertson, Fraser, Gibson, Busby, McQuade (Prentice).

Dundee U: McAlpine; Stewart, Stark, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Addison (Payne), Sturrock, Dodds, Holmes, Kirkwood.

MORTON (1) 2 (Thomson, Ritchie pen.)

HIBS (0) 2 (Callaghan 2) 7,000

Morton: Baines; Miller, Holmes, Evans, Orr, Rooney, Russell (McNeil), McLaren, Hutchison (Scott), Thomson, Ritchie.

Hibs: McArthur; Brazil, Duncan, Bremner, Stewart, McNamara, Rae, McLeod (Hutchison), Campbell, Callaghan, Brown.

MOTHERWELL (0) 2 (Clinging, Donnelly)

RANGERS (0) 0 14,612

Motherwell: Rennie; McLeod, Wark, Carberry, Mackin, Smith, Larnach, Pettigrew, Clinging, Irving, Donnelly.

Rangers: McCloy; Miller, Dawson, Jardine, Jackson, McDonald, McLean (Armour), Russell (Urquhart), Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.

PARTICK (0) 0

ABERDEEN (1) 1 (McGhee) 5,000

Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Anderson, Marr, Gibson (O'Hara), Houston, Melrose, Love, Somner, Park.

Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, Hamilton, McLeish, Rougvie, Miller, McGhee, Archibald, Sullivan (McMaster), Strachan, Scanlon.

ST. MIRREN (0) 0

CELTIC (1) 1 (McCluskey) 19,721

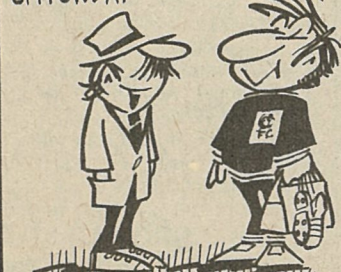
St. Mirren: Thomson; Young, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Richardson, Stark (Torranche), Bone, Abercrombie (Weir), McGarvey.

Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, Lynch, Aitken, Edvaldsson, MacLeod, Provan, Conroy, McAdam, Davidson, McCluskey.

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I TOOK MY LITTLE GIRL TO THE MATCH ON SATURDAY



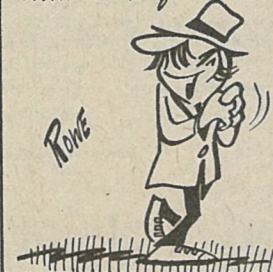
AND SHE DID SO MUCH SHOUTING SHE COMPLETELY LOST HER VOICE!



GOES TO SHOW WHAT AN EXCITING TEAM WE ARE!



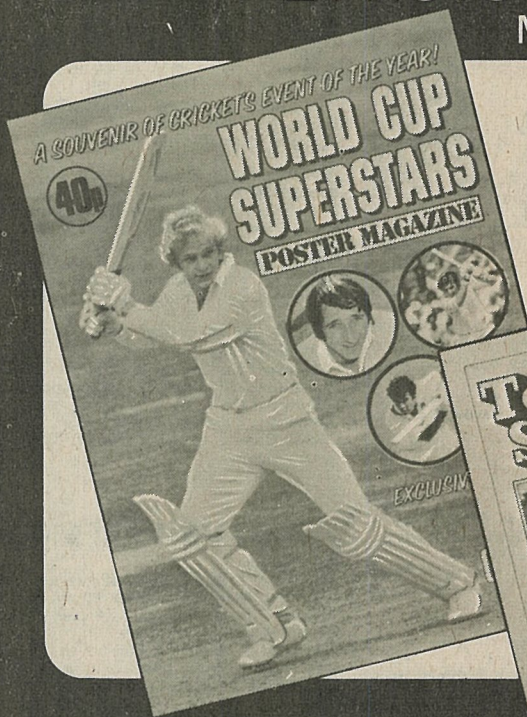
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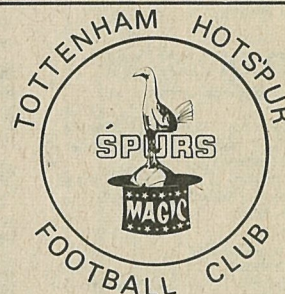
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● Paolo Rossi has been voted top sportsman in the Veneto region of Italy; last time he came second to World Cycling Champion Francesco Moser. This time, the Lanerossi striker polled more than 500 votes more than Sara Simeoni, the women's high jump star.

THE South American authorities have decided to close the Felix Capriles Stadium in Cochabamba, Bolivia for two years following serious incidents during and after the Copa Libertadores clash between Bolivian side Wilsterman and Paraguayan Champions Olimpia. The Brazilian referee of the match, Roberto Wright (there's a typically Brazilian name!) claims he was lucky to escape with his life after being attacked by fans.

'HELLO—YOU'RE FIRED!'

LIFE has recently had some dramatic ups and downs for Racing Santander manager Fernando Yosú. After a fall during a training session, Yosú had to be taken to hospital for an operation. Meanwhile, Racing lost another match — which took them a step nearer relegation and, when Yosú came round from his anaesthetic he was told he'd been sacked!

But some of the Santander directors didn't agree with the decision and the dismissal was over-ruled.

The directors promptly trooped back to the hospital to pass on the good news, and poor old Yosú could only mutter "I don't know whether I'm coming or going..."

The day Krankl won't forget...

THE 5th of May is a date Barcelona's Austrian striker Hans Krankl will want to forget — but it's unlikely that he ever will. First of all he was sent-off after 47 minutes of Barcelona's local derby against Español along with his opposite number, the Español striker Pavón.

The Argentinian tried to kick Krankl, and the Austrian retaliated with a butt in the face to earn the second red card in his career. Barcelona went on to win 2-1, but for Hans the worst was still to come.

His car was out of action after being stolen during the week and needing extensive repairs, so he asked an Austrian friend to run him and his wife home. Still smarting after the sending-off, Hans left the ground without stopping to speak to the usual horde of reporters — and promptly got caught up in the usual post-match traffic jam.

Less than a mile from the ground they had to make one of those ludicrous left-hand turns that the Spaniards seem to specialise in,

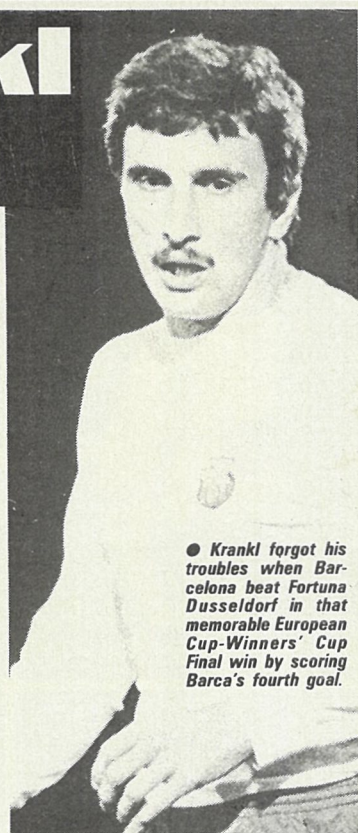
whereby you have to turn right and then do a massive loop across a ten-lane carriageway.

Of course, in dense traffic it can take so long to complete the loop the traffic lights have changed and cars are already moving fast in the opposite direction. Another car smashed into the right-hand side of the Mini — the point of impact was exactly where Hans's wife Inge was sitting and she suffered most.

She was rushed to hospital very near to death and was given 11 pints of blood during a four-hour operation. The surgeon had to cut away part of her liver in what he described as "the most difficult operation in my life."

Inge actually 'died' twice during the operation and her condition was touch-and-go during the days that she spent in the intensive care unit.

We're sure all SHOOT readers will want to join us in wishing Inge Krankl a speedy and complete recovery.



● Krankl forgot his troubles when Barcelona beat Fortuna Düsseldorf in that memorable European Cup-Winners' Cup Final win by scoring Barca's fourth goal.

WORLD WIDE

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WORLD CUP FILM

ARGENTINIAN film director Sergio Renán has just made the most expensive film in the country's history. It's called "La Fiesta de Todos" and recalls last year's historic World Cup win, concentrating on the people's reactions and the social implications. Half of the film's million-pound budget was used to buy the 300,000 feet of film shot by a Brazilian company during the Finals and, incidentally, one of the film's narrators is none other than Argentine manager César Luis Menotti.

THE Mexican League match between Veracruz and Deportivo Neza had to be abandoned five minutes before the end when all 22 players became involved in a massive brawl that even officials and police couldn't break up. Veracruz were leading 1-0 at the time, but the authorities are considering reversing the result.

Off! 32 times!

AS I've mentioned in the past Argentinian referees seem to reach for the red card far more frequently than their European counterparts, and the figures for this year's Metropolitan Championship make amazing reading.

No fewer than 32 players received marching orders in the first seven weeks of the season, and last season's Champions, Quilmas, are the chief culprits — they are averaging one player dismissed in every game they've played!

Even Argentina's new wonder-boy, Diego Maradona (right), was sent-off during Argentinos Juniors' recent game against Gimnasia, and the Group A leaders certainly missed his presence in the next match, when they dropped a home point to Unión Santa Fe.

By the way, Maradona is reported to have signed a new contract with Argentinos Juniors guaranteeing him just over £100,000 a season, with a local bank putting up part of the money.

AFTER attendances at First Division matches in Finland dropped 20 per cent last season a new formula has been decided on for the 1979 campaign. After the usual home and away games the top eight clubs will play off for the Championship while the last four will be involved in a play-off competition with the top four from Division Two, which could mean four up and four down.

End-of-season nerves have got a grip on the Spanish First Division, with most sides jostling either for a U.E.F.A. Cup place or to avoid relegation. On the 29th date of the League programme goals were hard to come by except in Huelva where Burgos ran out 5-1 winners. Elsewhere there was little action and not one of Spain's top 18 goalscorers managed to hit the net.



GOOD BONUSES

EVEN though VfB Stuttgart may not win the Bundesliga, the West German club are very generous to their players. Already they are guaranteed: £7,500 per man for avoiding relegation (!); £2,500 for a U.E.F.A. Cup place... and if they happen to pip Hamburger SV for the Championship, the players will collect a further £5,000 each.

A higher bonus for avoiding relegation than being Champions. Hmmm...

● Picture shows VfB's Förster celebrating a bonus-winning goal.

EVERY time West German club Eintracht Braunschweig play, their coach, Heinz Lucas, disappears for a few minutes. Everyone thought he was... well, let's say nervous... but the reason is far from that. He has a strange superstition of turning his underpants round the wrong way! He put his pants on by accident back to front some years ago and the club won!

THE Dutch amateur team of Harkstede, in the North of the country, has two members of the voluntary fire brigade. During a recent game, the referee was surprised to see them run off when they heard a siren sounding!

They returned later in the match after attending to a caravan... or rather, NOT attending to it. The call was a hoax!

THE Cup Final in Austria, played over two legs on June 6 and 20, will be between Wacker Innsbruck and Admira/Wacker (Vienna), both clubs threatened by relegation. An unusual link between the two sides comes from their managers. Innsbruck boss is Lajos Baroti and Admira's manager is Rodolf Illovsky, both at different times manager of the Hungarian national team.

News flashes

● Independiente President Julio Grondona has taken over as the new President of the Argentinian F.A.

● The Wavre v Merksem game in the Belgian Fourth Division was watched by just 54 spectators.

● Ipswich Town will once more play in Holland, before the start of next season. They are playing in a tournament organised by Feyenoord in Rotterdam on August 10 and 12. The other teams will be PSV and Belgium's RWDM.

● Two players of Eintracht Frankfurt, Neues and Hölzenbein, were both sent-off for insulting a referee. Neues got three matches for calling the ref "an old pig," but Hölzenbein got four matches and one wonders what he called him!

● Chile have a new national team coach: Luis Santibanez, who won four titles with different clubs between 1971 and 1977.

● Here's a strange twist — referee Guillermo Velasquez has been suspended for ten matches by the Colombian F.A. for striking Eduardo Manera, manager of the Desportivo Cali club!

SCOTS AIM FOR A DOUBLE

SCOTLAND'S European Championship hopes may not be too bright, but all is certainly not lost yet and Jock Stein's team could put themselves back in the reckoning by winning in Norway on June 7th . . . just as they did at Hampden (3-2) last October.



ABOVE . . . Sadly, injuries have forced Andy Gray to pull out of Scotland's end-of-season games. A pity, because the young Villa striker was just making his presence felt in the dark blue shirt. Here, he outpaces a Norwegian defender.

RIGHT . . . Gray watches Graeme Souness challenge for a centre. The Liverpool player is one of the best midfielders in Europe.

BELOW . . . Norway almost pulled off a shock win, leading 2-1 until near the end. This penalty by Archie Gemmill saved Scotland's embarrassment.



FOCUS ON

ALAN HANSEN

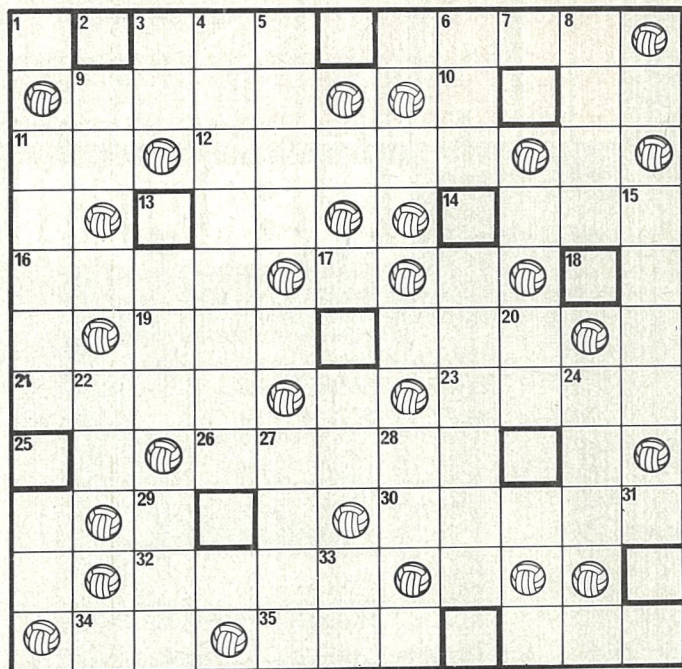
LIVERPOOL

FULL NAME: Alan David Hansen
BIRTHPLACE: Sauchie, Clackmannanshire
BIRTHDATE: 13th June, 1955
HEIGHT: 6ft 2in
WEIGHT: 13st
PREVIOUS CLUB: Partick Thistle
MARRIED: No
CAR: No
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Pele
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Partick Thistle
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Andy Gray
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Debut for Scotland Under-21's against Sweden in 1975
BIGGEST THRILL: Scoring my first goal for Liverpool against Dresden
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being left out of the next Scotland Under-21 team
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Sweden
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and chips
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Golf, squash and watching most sports on TV
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Classical music and political broadcasts
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Two Ronnies, and Fawlty Towers
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Stevie Wonder, Diana Ross and Linda Ronstadt
FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, Jack Nicholson and Susan George
BEST FRIEND: George Ramage, he plays for the junior team I played for before joining Partick
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Losing INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Two Under-23's and four Under-21's
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win honours with Liverpool and to have a long Scottish international career
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? I give in!
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Jack Nicholson

Alan Hansen

SHOOT!

Go for the Double



After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Coventry City striker. Answers on page 38.

ACROSS:

- (1) Alan —, Arsenal striker.
- (9) Leeds —, Huddersfield Town's ground.
- (10) — Kinnaird (The Wanderers & Old Etonians) is in the record books as one winner of five F.A. Cup winners medals.
- (11) Eamonn B--non. What completes the surname of a Chelsea player?
- (12) Surname of one of Tottenham's Argentinian players.
- (13) It is very necessary for a player to keep in this condition.
- (14) Phil —, Liverpool defender.
- (16) Make four letters from Dundee into a word that reads the same backwards as forwards.
- (18) Geert --yer of Bristol City.
- (19) Re--e----n-ark (Alloa): a fruit from the missing letters.
- (21) Estimate worth or value (of a player, for instance).
- (23) The ----horns (W.B.A.). How strange to be made from the omissions!
- (25) Abbreviation descriptive of a Southampton player, perhaps!
- (26) Surname of other Spurs Argentinian player.
- (29) Crystal Pal ---.
- (30) Goes down — like the spirits of the losing team's supporters.
- (32) John —, Bristol City 'keeper.
- (34) Paul Br--h of West Ham.
- (35) Long drawn out.

DOWN:

- (2) Kenny B---s of Nottingham Forest.
- (3) Jim Can--n of Crystal Palace.
- (4) Southampton defender (5 & 5)
- (5) South-n-Un--ed, The Shrimpers.
- (6) Bolton Wanderers striker (4 & 7).
- (7) Tadeusz --wak of Bolton, also (ex-Warsaw).
- (8) Take five letters from Maine Road for a sleeping vision.
- (11) Viv —, Nottingham Forest defender.
- (13) Surprising or notable performance.
- (15) Direction or position.
- (17) Brian —, Everton striker.
- (20) Boo--am Cresc--t, York City.
- (22) John Pr--t of Spurs.
- (24) Don-h-n-s (Q.P.R.). Request from the omissions.
- (27) — Zaragossa; U.E.F.A. Cup winners, 1964.
- (28) Den--Law, European Footballer of the Year, 1964.
- (29) M---on. An animal needed to complete the surname of a Notts County player.
- (31) The ---Blues. Coventry City's nickname.
- (33) Paul Po--r of Manchester City.

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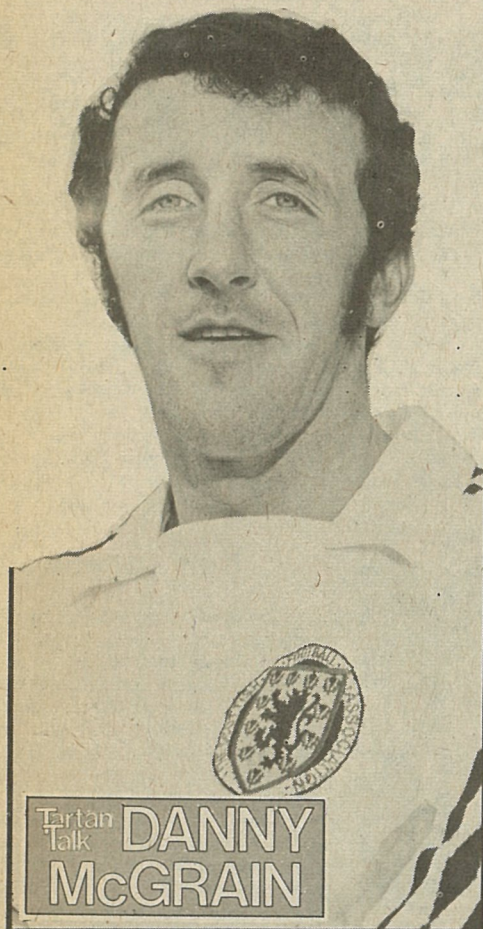
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'A TARTAN DREAM TEAM'



THE dream team chosen by Gordon Hill in his SHOOT column a few weeks ago and the £300,000 transfer of Frank McGarvey to Liverpool from St Mirren last month set me thinking. Gordon's multi-million outfit was impressive, and McGarvey's move South underlined yet again the value of Scottish players to the English League.

What price the cream of the Scottish players getting together to form a footballing tartan army? Well, it is no impossible dream of course, because Jock Stein has already picked a Scottish team from players South of the border.

How about this side picked from big money transfers who have left Scotland to help English football flourish. In almost every instance their value has soared since the fees from England to Scotland were exchanged.

So as well as giving the original transfer fee I have put an estimate on their value.

Goalkeeper . . . Middlesbrough's Jim Stewart has lost his place this season since his £100,000 move from Kilmarnock, but his price has not dropped. Goalkeeping is the one position in which Scotland's exports have not been so outstanding as players in other positions.

Back-four . . . Davie Hay of Chelsea has had his career shattered by eye trouble since his £250,000 move from Celtic, but he still remains one of my favourite all time players as well as a bargain for the Stamford Bridge men. Gordon McQueen, £30,000 from St Mirren and Martin Buchan, £100,000 from Aberdeen are now worth £1 million between them.

And Gordon Smith of Spurs, £70,000 from St Johnstone to Aston Villa is now a £150,000 man and had an outstanding game for Spurs on his home debut against West Bromwich Albion last month.

Midfield . . . Eamonn Bannon has already shown London fans that £200,000 was a snip and if the deal was to go through again Hearts would clearly want more from Chelsea.

Kilmarnock would want to multiply four times the £70,000 they got from Notts County for Iain McCulloch. And Tommy Craig of Villa, once of Aberdeen, has proved his worth at £250,000.

The front three? You might just about get

change for a match programme out of £2 million.

Liverpool were willing to part with £300,000 plus for McGarvey and would probably laugh at a £1 million offer for Kenny Dalglish.

Throw in Andy Gray at a cool £600,000-plus and my head is already spinning at the idea of any team being worth so much.

It totals well over four million pounds for the lot . . . and I haven't even mentioned Lou Macari, Joe Jordan, Willie Young, Alan Hansen, Ian Wallace, Davie Stewart, Bobby Smith, Archie Gemmill, Peter Marinello and dozens of others who left Scottish clubs — most of them for peanuts — and who are now established in England.

Scottish football needs to sell to survive, let there be no misunderstanding about that, but I just hope English clubs don't think they are doing us a favour by bringing their cheque books North.

English clubs will maybe get the idea of how we feel when they look at themselves and their relationship with American soccer.

I reckon America is now plundering English football, and I couldn't agree more with Everton, who have refused point blank to allow any of their players to go Stateside on loan.

That was all right a few years ago when the game was at the nursery stage in the States and every country in the world had a duty to do

what it could to help the development of our game.

But the good old Americans have passed that stage now and is a rich prospering soccer nation in its own right.

Soccer in the States is no longer a football joke, and if it wants to be treated seriously it will have to hustle in the transfer market place with the rest of us.

The missionary bit has been done by England — and done well — but now is the hour for English clubs to stand up and be counted.

If America wants players from England they should be forced to push up the transfer fee like anyone else.

And when they do maybe Scots clubs will get their fair share!

See you in two weeks . . .

NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN TALK BY RANGERS' DEREK JOHNSTONE



Eamonn Bannon (Chelsea).

PREVIEWS OF ENGLAND'S MATCHES IN SWEDEN AND AUSTRIA . . . ALL THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE RESULTS FOR 1978-79 . . . IN NEXT WEEK'S SHOOT!

Also in colour: Action from the F.A. and Scottish Cup Finals, Joe Corrigan (Man. City), George Berry (Wolves), Focus on Arthur Graham (Leeds United).

Plus . . . Steve Kindon (Burnley); Duncan McKenzie (Blackburn); Maurice Evans (manager of Fourth Division Champions, Reading); Alan Durban, boss of newly promoted Stoke City; A look at Second Division new-boys Watford; Photo Special — The British Championship; we feature a collection of clubs' Players of the Year chosen by supporters; Alan Waddle (Swansea); Gary Stevens (Cardiff); Part Four of our review of last season. All this and your usual favourites in SHOOT next week!

PLACE A REGULAR ORDER FOR SHOOT —
the paper the players like!

TOMMY DOCHERTY's sensational departure from my club Derby County to relegated Q.P.R., the day before the F.A. Cup Final, was as much a shock to me as to everybody else.

Only the game's most controversial manager could have snatched the limelight from the most glamorous, most publicised day in the English soccer season.

The first I heard The Doc would be leaving the Baseball Ground to succeed the sacked Steve Burtenshaw as boss of the West London club he quit after 28 days in 1968, was the day before Derby's first team squad left for a week's holiday in Majorca.

Even as I write this column, from my hotel room, the move hasn't really sunk in yet. Oh, there had been rumours all right, but I didn't believe The Doc would leave quite so suddenly, especially after just agreeing to sign a new player... Alfie Conn on a free transfer from Celtic.

While wishing the gaffer well at Q.P.R., I prefer not to comment further on this development, and reports as to my own future at Derby.

The whole situation has changed so quickly... so dramatically that I haven't had time to consider all the implications.

Let's forget about Tommy Doc for a moment and remember a real doctor, a man who played a part in the development of my career.

I'm talking about Dr. Burrows who until his sudden death a few

weeks ago took care of the England squad.

He was a fitness fanatic and a fine tennis player. We had many a battle on court during international get-togethers.

Doc Burrows was a close personal friend and helped me through long trips abroad during my early days with the England side.

As the lads prepare for their vital European Championship tie against Bulgaria in Sofia I thought this an appropriate moment to pay my own

special tribute to a man who gave valuable service to his country.

Thanks, Doc, for many happy memories.

Naturally I hope England do well next week. If Bulgaria's performance against Northern Ireland in Belfast recently is anything to go by, England should win fairly easily.

I just wish I could be out there playing my part in Ron Greenwood's ever improving set-up.

If I were in a position to present awards for outstanding perform-

ances for 1978-79, one would definitely go to the England manager for the way he is reshaping our international future.

My second Hill Award would be given to Liverpool.

After they lost to Nottingham Forest in the First Round of the European Cup, the doubters started knocking them.

Some critics wondered if the Anfield machine was showing signs of wear and tear... if the red bubble was about to burst.

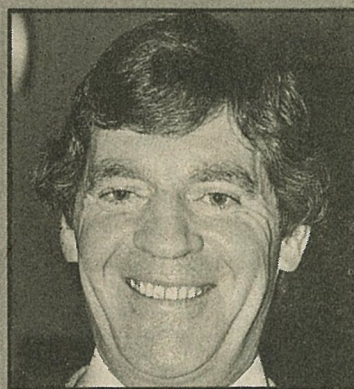
New Record

But look what happened after that early setback. Liverpool won their next match against Bolton 3-0 to go top of the table and then went on to regain the Championship in cracking style. I believe that was their 11th title success, setting a new record. Please correct me if I'm wrong.

I'd also give a Hill Award to Nottingham Forest. Okay, so they lost their Champions crown, but after another incredible season won the League Cup and reached the European Cup Final, after being held to a 3-3 draw by Cologne in the Semi-



Bristol City manager Alan Dicks.



Southampton boss Lawrie McMenemy.



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AWARDS FOR 1978-79

my soccer scene
**GORDON
& HILL**



Liam Brady about to meet the challenge of Man. United's Lou Macari in the F.A. Cup Final.

Finals first-leg at the City Ground.

Very few people, Brian Clough apart, gave Forest much chance of winning in Cologne.

Forest and Brian Clough are a real credit to English football. Long may they be so.

My fourth Award is reserved for Ron Atkinson who has done one hell of a job as manager of West Brom.

Third in the Championship, big Ron has established a team on the verge of real success.

Bristol City can't be regarded as a serious threat to Liverpool, or West Brom, but my fifth Award goes to their boss Alan Dicks.

On limited resources, he's made tremendous progress at Ashton

Gate. Not only has he kept them in the First Division but given the fans a team to be proud of.

Southampton's story over the past few years is similar to Bristol City's. Both were once regarded as little more than average Second Division clubs, posing just the odd threat at Cup time, struggling on with average gates of around 15,000 or so.

A Gentleman

Now they are thriving First Division clubs, difficult to beat especially on their own grounds.

As you know the boss at The Dell is Lawrie McMenemy . . . one of

soccer's real gentlemen.

I remember writing in SHOOT two or three years ago that I reckoned Lawrie would build a successful Saints. Not far wrong, was I?

Award number Seven . . . to John Barnwell at Wolves. Before he took over they looked down and out. But not only did he revive a toothless Wolves, but gave them the bite to fight back.

In the end they avoided relegation with points to spare and can look forward to next season with confidence.

As you know John was injured in a horrific car crash towards the end of the term, but I understand he's recovering well.

My Eighth Award . . . to Manches-



ter United, for their amazing comeback in the F.A. Cup Final. I was delighted for the club and fans when United reached Wembley after what had been for them a fairly poor season.

Footballer of the Year Kenny Dalglish gets another trophy . . . my Ninth Award, for his outstanding performances.

Best Forward

He's incredible even when he's not scoring goals, making space and creating chances for his teammates.

Without question, Kenny is the best forward in Britain at the moment.

My last Award goes to Arsenal's man-of-the-Cup Final Liam Brady, for returning to Wembley a year after a disappointing display against Ipswich to prove to everyone that he is a player of world-class.

Although I didn't see the Final on telly because of Derby's trip to Majorca, a friend recorded the match on my video set.

To my mind Liam Brady was definitely the master Gunner at Wembley.

Well, that's it for this week. I'm just off for a game of crazy golf with the lads before having a dip in the pool.

See you in two weeks.

Gordon Hill

PART THREE

Our week-by-week account of the

Week ending OCTOBER 14

STAMFORD BRIDGE SENSATION

WANT to have a little bet? You can, this week, on which Division One side, if any, will be the first to reach 84 League goals — that's an average of two per game.

A leading firm of bookies is not laying very generous odds with regard to Liverpool — a stingy (if realistic) 3-1 ON.

On the other hand, you can have 750-1 against Birmingham — or an even more handsome 1,000-1 against either Wolves or Q.P.R.

Leeds want Don Howe as successor to the short-reigned Jock Stein as manager. But Arsenal slap a £500,000 compensation "keep-off" tag on their shrewd coach, which is quite a lot of money for a backroom-boy — and how!

And, talking of coaches, another top 'un from across the Channel — Yugoslavia's legendary Miljan Miljanic — arrives at Stamford Bridge to "test the water".

But, whether he stays or not, manager Ken Shellito's job is secure — or so crisis-club Chelsea say.

Brian Clough and Peter Taylor temporarily "desert" their beloved Forest to go out with England's Youth side for a tournament in Las Palmas.

They wave their magic wand — and England's kids kick-off with a deserved 1-0 victory over a tough Russian side.

High Finance note: Flush Manchester United nonchalantly report a loss of £290,349 for their financial year — due mainly to the near-million paid out for Jordan and McQueen.

Meanwhile, back at The Shay, not many more than a thousand people — let alone pounds — are prepared to support Halifax in their home game against Port Vale... just to emphasise the ever-widening gap between soccer's rich and poor.

Cloughie doesn't shoot off his mouth as in bygone days, so one takes his utterances with only the tiniest pinch of salt now.

All the same, when he says he's ready to spend a million, there are a few eyebrows raised. But, with Mr. C, who knows... if the right man becomes available.

It's a sad Saturday scene with that fine old war-horse nicknamed "Crazy Horse" temporarily reduced to the ranks of the reserves for the first time in his 12 years at Anfield.

But, even without Hughes, Liverpool still hit the highest English score of the day with a 5-0 thumping of Derby.

The real stunner, though, is at Stamford Bridge where Chelsea, 0-3 down to Bolton well before half-time, sensationally come storming back with four goals in the last quarter of an hour.

Everton, Forest and West Bromwich keep Liverpool in their sights by all winning away — but the Anfielders maintain a three-point lead after the four of them have only played ten games apiece.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: (5) Liverpool.
TOTAL GOALS: 110 (average 2.60 per game).
HAT-TRICKS: None.
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div. 1, Liverpool; Div. 2, Palace; Div. 3, Shrewsbury; Div. 4, Wimbledon.
HIGHEST GATE: 47,475 (Liverpool v. Derby).
TOTAL GATE: 587,151.
AVERAGE GATE: 13,980.

LUCKY CHAMPIONS

ST. Mirren sink Aberdeen 2-1, and Dundee United, playing calm, composed football beat Celtic at Tannadice.

Lucky Champions Rangers get their sixth draw in nine League games when they meet Hearts at Tynecastle. There is no scoring. Bannan blasts a penalty-kick over the bar in the 73rd minute and Rangers breathe again.

Morton play host to Motherwell and lose 2-1.

O'Hara is the prickly Thistle Hibs can't hold. His two goals give The Jags victory by 2-1.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: 18,000 (Hearts v. Rangers).
PREM. DIV. TOTAL ATT: 56,500
TOTAL GOALS: 58.
TABLE-TOPPERS: Celtic.
HIGHEST SCORE: (6) Ayr Utd.
★ ★ Ayr United travel through to Links Park and beat Montrose 6-4 in the First Div.



ABOVE... Miljan Miljanic arrives to watch Chelsea.
RIGHT... Action from Partick's (stripes) game with Morton.

Week ending OCTOBER 21

TOP BOSSES REJECT LEEDS

DESPITE being dropped by his club, England boss Ron Greenwood shows his faith in Emlyn Hughes by naming the Liverpool stalwart in his squad for the forthcoming European Championship tie with Eire in Dublin.

But shrewd Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy — having before done rather nicely by picking up an alleged "has-been" in Alan Ball — makes tentative inquiries into Emlyn's future, even if the odds are that Liverpool won't consider parting that quickly.

Meanwhile the rest of England's 22-man squad shows Greenwood's wise faith in the "mixture as before" — and there's not an uncapped player in sight.

That's for another week, though, and before then it's back to Euro club action. In the big one, that man Clough does it again by steering Forest to a useful-looking 2-1 away win over the tough AEK side in Athens.

In the Cup-Winners' Cup, Ipswich can only manage a slender 1-0 home lead over Innsbruck — and that could cause problems when the aggregates are totted-up.

In the U.E.F.A. Cup, Everton are similarly worried with only a 2-1 home lead over the experienced Dukla Prague — but Arsenal can feel happy by coming back from Hajduk Split only 1-2 down.

Happier still must be Manchester City, with a convincing 4-0 home win over Standard Liege; and West Bromwich (helped by two more super goals from young superstar-to-be Cyrille Regis) coming back from Portugal 2-0 up on Braga.

And, talking of the twinkle-toed Mr. Regis, he hits another couple on the Satur-

day — bringing him up to six in his last three games — as West Bromwich slaughter a more-than-useful Coventry side 7-1.

Team-mate Laurie Cunningham also hits home two — and there's speculation if that old black magic of either, or both, will beat that of Forest's Viv Anderson as the first coloured player to gain a full England cap.

But, as Everton drop a point at Q.P.R., neighbouring Liverpool's 2-0 win over Chelsea — with Miljan Miljanic looking on glumly — sees their lead at the top upped to a healthy four-point margin.

Kevin Mabbutt bags a hat-trick at Old Trafford to blast Bristol City to a shock 3-1 win — while, in a goals-galore day, Luton hit six, and Fulham five; and there's a lively sprinkling of fours and threes.

Leeds are still in trouble, manager-wise. Lawrie McMenemy has already turned them down, and now Terry Venables has also indicated he's happy to stay put at Palace. Jackie Charlton is now rated top-favourite — unless he also says "No".

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 7 — West Bromwich.
TOTAL GOALS: 128 (average 2.84 per game).
HAT-TRICKS: 1 — Mabbutt (Bristol City at Manchester Utd).
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div. 1, Liverpool; Div. 2, Palace; Div. 3, Watford; Div. 4, Wimbledon.
HIGHEST GATE: 47,211 (Man. Utd. v. Bristol City).
TOTAL GATE: 595,396.
AVERAGE GATE: 13,231.

STEIN CHEERED AT CELTIC

WILLIE Pettigrew is dropped by Motherwell for the game against Thistle after he says he wants to play as a "genuine" striker — or else he wants to move South.

On the whistle of half-time, drama... Thistle are awarded a penalty. Somner takes the kick, but Motherwell's 'keeper Rennie saves. Somner cracks in the rebound, but the ref disallows it because he rules the time is up. However two second-half goals give the points to Thistle.

Scotland boss Jock Stein goes back to Celtic Park to watch his old club tackle Morton. The fans give him a warm welcome but that is all they have to cheer as the shot shy teams share a no scoring draw.

A first-half spot-kick gives Rangers a hard earned win at Paisley. In a fiery match both sets of forwards turn on the skill. But in spite of all the neat raiding by the two teams the game is settled by Alex Forsyth's kick in the 24th minute.

A first minute goal by new signing O'Connor gets Hearts off to a dream start

when Aberdeen are the visitors at Tynecastle. And although a Harper penalty puts The Dons back in the game after 58 minutes Hearts grab the other goal needed for a win and two much needed points in the Championship title race.

A shot, hit on the volley, sends the home team Hibs in with the half-time lead in their match with Dundee United. But the visitors equalise after 75 minutes when a well-placed free-kick from Payne finds the Hibernian net.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: 25,000 (St. Mirren v. Rangers).
PREMIER DIV. TOTAL ATT: 68,500.
TOTAL GOALS: 43.
TABLE TOPPERS: Celtic.
HIGHEST SCORE: (4) Ayr, United.



Southampton boss Lawrie McMenemy.



Alex Forsyth of Rangers.

1978-79 season in England and Scotland

Week ending OCTOBER 28

ENGLAND HELD

LEEDS make the early managerial news by appointing soccer-wise Jimmy Adamson as their new boss. He may not have been the first choice after Jock Stein's departure, or so they say — but many shrewd judges reckon he could be just the man to spark-off an overdue Leeds revival.

Stein meanwhile shows what a few weeks South of the border can do for one's thinking — the new Scottish team manager turns out 11 "Anglos" for the 3-2 European Championship win over Norway!

In another Group, Eire hold England to 1-1 in Dublin. Keegan inevitably takes the visitors' honours — but it's really Liam Brady who steals the show to give his country a deserved draw.

It's not many people nowadays who score four goals in their first full 90 minutes in a full international, but Chester's bright young Ian Edwards, does just that as Wales wallop Malta 7-0.

And Danny Blanchflower's men go one better than their Southern neighbours with a 2-1 win over Denmark — giving them joint-top place with England in Group One.

For a long time the eyes of First Division clubs have focussed on Walsall striker Alan Buckley. At last he moves — just down the road to help struggling Birmingham — for £175,000.

And Joey Jones goes back from Liverpool to his former club, Wrexham, for £35,000 more.

But a worrying future "maybe" move concerns Arsenal — as it's strongly rumoured that David O'Leary, their brilliant Eire international defender, has his

sights on joining Keegan in the rich pastures of European club football when his current contract expires.

And there's another even more imminent move in the offing — this time involving a top manager instead.

For Sunderland, having just lost Jimmy Adamson to Leeds, look like having a go for Brian Clough.

Cloughie's a native of the area — all his prolific goalscoring was for Middlesbrough and Sunderland — but the heavy odds are that Forest will be able to cling on to their priceless asset.

Everton break their local jinx when a single Andy King goal is enough to pip Liverpool at Goodison — and so cut the Anfielders' lead over them at the top of the table to a couple of points.

That old black magic of Cyrille Regis is also restricted to one goal — but the draw it helps to gain at Manchester City is enough to keep West Bromwich also well in the hunt.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: (5) Hartlepool.
TOTAL GOALS: 116 (average 2.76 per game).
HAT-TRICKS: 1 — Edwards (Chester v. Brentford).
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div. 1, Liverpool; Div. 2, Stoke; Div. 3, Watford; Div. 4, Wimbledon.
HIGHEST GATE: 53,131 (Everton v. Liverpool).
TOTAL GATE: 594,774.
AVERAGE GATE: 14,161.

DUNDEE UNITED GO TOP

FAST and furious football at Tyne-castle but Celtic go down 2-0 to a Hearts side reduced to ten men. Both teams attack all out but Busby is the ace in the pack for Hearts with two goals.

Hearts winger Malcolm Robertson gets his marching orders in the second-half when he clashes with Celtic skipper Andy Lynch.

In their game, at home, against Hibs Rangers score twice in four minutes. A penalty by Alex Forsyth puts them one-up then Derek Parlane stretches the score-line in the 30th minute. Hibs take just another six minutes to pull one back when Ally MacLeod heads home a Duncan cross. That's how the match finished.

Dundee United find themselves sitting at the head of the table when they pick up two points and two goals from Thistle.

Aberdeen travel from East to West

and take on Morton. The Dons take an early lead but they reckon without that "free spirits" Andy Ritchie. Minutes after Aberdeen's 17th minute goal Morton score. Ritchie takes a free-kick out on the left and glides the ball home. Seconds later he floats in another free-kick and Russell taps in Morton's second and the winner.

Richardson puts St. Mirren in front in their game with Motherwell. Pettigrew levels the score. But Stark scores from the spot to give Saints a win.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: 20,000 (Rangers v. Hibs).
PREMIER DIVISION TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 46,000.
TOTAL GOALS: 53.
TABLE TOPPERS: Dundee Utd.
HIGHEST SCORE: (4) Airdrie, Montrose, Brechin.



Mark Lawrenson of Eire beats Bob Latchford of England to the ball during their European Championship clash. Hearts' Drew Busby (right).



Week ending NOVEMBER 4

BRADY BLOW

PPROMOTED Bolton start the week with a £250,000 cheque for Tottenham's unsettled Neil McNab in a bold bid to improve their current lowly First Division placing.

And, talking money-terms, it's gratifying to see John Robson — the Villa defender tragically forced to quit the game through the scourge of multiple sclerosis — picking up a deserved £30,000-odd from his testimonial.

Another possible future blow for Arsenal — superstar Liam Brady announces his hopes to move "into Europe" when his Highbury contract expires.

Next day, though, the brilliant Brady makes his mark for the Continent — though not in the best possible way — by being amongst three of our top players sent-off in European club competitions.

Brady gets his marching orders (with a Hajduk Split opponent) at Highbury, but a 1-0 win — and a 2-2 aggregate — is enough to see Arsenal through to the next U.E.F.A. Cup round on the "away-goals rule".

A 5-1 Forest home win over AEK Athens sees them through in the Champions Cup on a healthy 7-2 aggregate; while a 1-1 draw in Innsbruck helps Ipswich safely through 2-1 in the Cup-Winners' Cup, despite the dismissal of Paul Mariner.

As well as Arsenal, England do quite nicely in the U.E.F.A. Cup — with West Bromwich and Manchester City (with Gary Owen sent-off) also both through. It's curtains, though, for Everton on the "away-goals rule".

Unlike the other two competitions, the draw for the U.E.F.A. Cup — with its extra round — is made immediately. The three English survivors are kept apart, but none has an easy task — Arsenal being paired with Red Star Belgrade; Manchester

City with AC Milan; and West Bromwich with Valencia.

Cloughie is a bit up-tight that Forest wouldn't let him talk to Sunderland — but says he wasn't interested in leaving Nottingham anyway. He reckons there's a tremendous potential round Nottingham way — with the European Champions Cup as the next bit of tangible proof.

Funny are the ways of football, 1978-style. In the close-season, Q.P.R., pay a club-record £250,000 for Orient's talented Glenn Roeder — but, despite struggling around the bottom of the table, have so far given him only a couple of first team outings.

It may have come six months too late — but there's some consolation on the Saturday when a Stapleton hat-trick helps Arsenal beat Ipswich, their Wembley conquerors, 4-1.

Both the Merseyside giants are held to draws — Liverpool at home to Leeds; and Everton away at Forest.

Forest's draw — their eighth in 13 League games — must make them a prime favourite with pools punters.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 4 — Arsenal; Derby; Charlton; Hull.
TOTAL GOALS: 104 (average 2.48 per game).
HAT-TRICKS: 1 — Stapleton (Arsenal v. Ipswich).
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Liverpool; Div 2, Stoke; Div 3, Shrewsbury; Div 4, Reading.
HIGHEST GATE: 51,657 (Liverpool v. Leeds).
TOTAL GATE: 592,859.
AVERAGE GATE: 14,116.

SWEET VICTORY FOR HEARTS

IN a "Capital" derby clash Hearts notch up their first ever Premier Division win over their old rivals Hibs . . . and to make victory taste sweeter it is their first League win there for ten years.

Alan Rough in the Thistle goal thwarts the Rangers forwards in the match at Firhill. And a long kickout from the 'keeper is instrumental in giving Thistle the only goal.

The Rangers' defence is caught cold and Houston gets his name on the scoresheet.

Perhaps the Rangers team is feeling the effects of their great win over Eindhoven in mid-week. Their 3-2 win has seldom been bettered by any Scottish team . . . coming back twice after being behind.

Motherwell, without a manager after Roger Hynd's departure, at the bottom of the table, travel up to Parkhead and take away the points. The visitors score two

goals, one in each half. Celtic only manage to find the net once.

The top two tussle is a tale of two penalties. Harper tucks one neatly away for Aberdeen but Stewart rattles his spot-kick against an upright, and Dundee United head for home the losers.

Morton move up-river from their base at Greenock on the Clyde to meet St Mirren. A rainsoaked crowd of 10,000 watch the two battle out a no scoring draw.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: Thistle v Rangers 25,000.
PREM DIV. TOTAL ATT: 65,100.
TOTAL GOALS: (3) Duns. 42.
TABLE TOPPERS: Dundee United.
HIGHEST SCORE: (3) Montrose, Queen of the South.



Arsenal's Liam Brady (second left) was sent-off against Hajduk Split. Ray Stewart (above) missed a penalty for Dundee United.

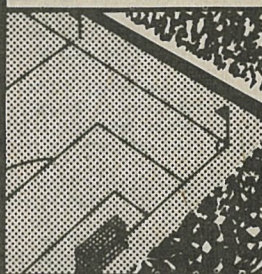


YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

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Is it compulsory to have halfway line flags?



2

When are trainers allowed to come on to the pitch? (a) When a player is injured or (b) only when the referee signals?



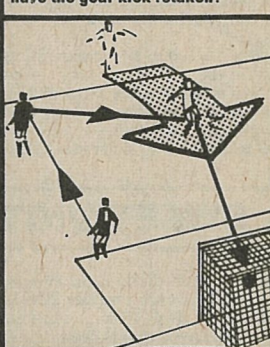
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During a match a player is showing by the disgruntled expression on his face, he disagrees with you. Should you (a) take no action or (b) caution the player?

4

From a goal-kick, the ball strikes you before it leaves the penalty-area, and an attacker runs in and kicks the ball into the goal. Should you (a) award a goal or (b) have the goal-kick retaken?



5

The ball slips from the hands of a player who is taking a throw-in. Should you (a) allow him to take it again or (b) award the throw-in to the opponents?



ANSWERS

1. No. In some televised matches, producers sometimes ask me if I would not mind the flags removed as they are in front of cameras. I have always co-operated in this matter. 2. Only when the referee signals (b). Unfortunately a few trainers called on to the field to treat an injured player, start haranguing the opposition before attending to the injured player. This type of trainer needs to be warned in no uncertain manner. 3. Caution the player (b). This happened to me last season in a top Football League match when the captain said nothing against my decisions, "but it looks could kill". I warned him and later cautioned him. The crowd must have been mystified by the booking. 4. Have the goal-kick retaken (b). 5. Allow him to take it again (b).

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S Quiz Time



1. John Pickering was sacked last month from the managership of which club?

10. Barcelona played Fortuna Dusseldorf in the Final of the European Cup-Winners' Cup in Basle. Did the Spaniards win 2-1, 3-2 or 4-3?

2. West German internationals Heinz Flohe and Herbert Neumann were in the news while playing for their Bundesliga club Cologne... why?

11. Which two clubs met in the F.A. Youth Cup Final recently?

3. Emlyn Hughes was linked recently with which Third Division club in the capacity of player/coach?

12. What was the result of the first Scottish Cup Final replay between Rangers and Hibernian?

4. Name the Doncaster Rovers striker who signed for Aldershot for an estimated £20,000 in mid-May.

13. Which talented West Ham mid-field player — rated at £200,000 — was recently fined for remarks he made in a national newspaper about the club's policies?

5. Watford clinched promotion from the Third Division when they beat Hull City, Chesterfield or Peterborough 2-0, 3-0 or 4-0 at Vicarage Road?

14. Trevor Ross, Bob Latchford or Colin Todd was sent-off while playing for Everton on tour against an Egyptian side.

6. Peter Bonetti (below) played against F.A. Cup winners Arsenal at Stamford Bridge on May 14th. What was so significant for the Chelsea goalkeeper in this 1-1 draw?

15. Tommy Docherty is in his second spell as manager of Queens Park Rangers. Did he stay at Loftus Road 18, 28 or 38 days the first time?



7. Can you name the Champions of (a) First, (b) Second, (c) Third and (d) Fourth Divisions?

8. Which Spurs defender broke his right leg in the Republic of Ireland's 1-0 European Championship defeat by Bulgaria in Sofia?

9. Swansea City's Alan Curtis was sold for a Third Division record fee of £400,000. Which First Division club did he join?

ANSWERS

28 days. 13. Alan Curishley. 14. Trevor Ross. 15. Manchester City and Millwall. 12. 0-0. Holmes. 9. Leeds United. 10. 4-3. 11. Shrewsbury. (d) Reading. 8. Jimmy. (c) Liverpool. (b) Crystal Palace. (c) — and last — League game for Chelsea. 7. French. 5. Hull City 4-0. 6. It was his 600th. Hamburger SV. 3. Blackpool. 4. Mick sent-off against Kevin Keegan's side. 1. Blackburn Rovers. 2. They were both

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Sunderland. (9) Road. (10) Lord. (11) An. (12) Villa. (13) Fit. (14) Neal. (16) Deed. (18) Me. (19) Apricot. (21) Rate. (23) What. (25) St. (26) Ardiles. (29) Ace. (30) Sinks. (32) Shaw. (34) Us. (35) Lengthy. DOWN:— (2) Urn. (3) No. (4) David Peach. (5) Edit. (6) Alan Gowing. (7) No. (8) Dream. (11) Anderson. (13) Feat. (15) Left. (17) Kidd. (20) Then. (22) At. (24) Ask. (27) Real. (28) Is. (29) Ass. (31) Ski. (33) We.

Jumbled Name: MICK FERGUSON.

'DON HOWE DIDN'T RATE ME'

says West Brom's ALLY ROBERTSON



ALLY Robertson, the 26-year-old West Bromwich Albion central defender, recently broke the club's record of 166 consecutive League appearances set up by Jimmy Dudley some 20 years ago.

Yet at one stage in his ten year career Ally was ready to pack in the game. "I was dropped for a whole season when Don Howe (now Arsenal's chief coach) was the manager," he explains. "I thought there was no future, no outlook. Then Johnny Giles arrived at the club and everything just changed. He recalled me to the first team and I've never looked back since."

Ally, born in Philipstown, West Lothian, joined Albion straight from school in August, 1969, and made his League debut the following October against Manchester United one month after his 17th birthday.

"The highlight was when we won promotion from the Second Division in season 75/76," says Ally. "In all honesty, it's only the last three seasons which have been any good. Before that we've always struggled against relegation and when we've taken the drop we've always been fighting

to get back up again. It's only now we're beginning to reap the benefits of good publicity."

Robertson and his skipper John Wile are arguably the best pair of central defenders in the country. How does Ally view the partnership?

"It depends which team you are in," he says, "and over the past three years we've been lucky to be playing in a very good team. Obviously, that fact alone makes you look better. In a bad side defenders are constantly under pressure and getting left one for one. If you're in a good team and everybody's working for each other, it makes the whole side look better and it makes it easier for everybody as well."

"I think that's been the difference over the last few seasons. West Bromwich Albion have come on because we've played for each other, rather than for ourselves."

Ally has won schoolboy and youth caps for Scotland, but so far has not managed to break into the Scottish team. "My ambition is to play for Scotland," he says, "and I think every pro wants to win this honour for his country. But you have to have the chance and I

haven't had the opportunity because the players who are already there have played well. You can't really drop players who are in the team if they haven't played badly. So it's a case of biding my time and if the opportunity comes, then grab it."

A month before the season ended Albion were challenging for everything, but within a fortnight their dreams ended. "It seemed as though we just got caught in mid-stream," says Ally. "But before we went off the boil it was the easiest time of our lives. We were playing so well and everything just came naturally. It was played that simple and that easy, and it all just continued from there. Even though it was simple, it made us look the best attacking team in the country."

"The secret is teamwork but, of course, there's the individual flair of Laurie Cunningham, Cyrille Regis and Ally Brown. Their skill is unbelievable."

"We've been lucky to have had a settled team; we've had no injuries. Yet since we went off the boil we began to pick up stupid little knocks and that could be one of the reasons. We were not 100 per cent, but still fit enough to play. We had six games in about 15 days and at that time half the side were down with flu. Everybody was looking to each other for help and as you looked to them, they were looking back."

"Last season was the best in my ten years here at the Albion, even though we did get pipped in everything. I'd like to see the team draw from the experience gained and maybe next term edge further to pick up a trophy."

BARNWELL GAVE WOLVES THEIR TEETH BACK

A FOUR goal flurry without reply by Wolves against Derby on April 25th ended the Molineux club's battle against relegation. It also meant that since the arrival of manager John Barnwell and his second in command Richie Barker last November, the team had picked up 24 points from 23 outings.

"It's good going by any standards," says right-back Derek Parkin (right). "Especially when you consider the plight Wolves were in when they first came. We'd played 15 matches and only collected seven points."

What influence has the Barnwell-Barker duo had? "I think a new manager always shakes things up," says Derek. "It just seems to be one of those things that happen in football. Once a new manager walks through the door the players respond favourably. Whether it's through fear or not, I just don't know."

"We're playing as a team now, whereas before we were simply a collection of individuals. It's the same players who were here at the start of the season, so the management have got to take most of the credit."

"We're properly organised now and there's added discipline on the

field. I put it all down to tactics and I think this is where the bulk of the work has been done. It's difficult to realise just how wrong we were playing. We've got results by really going back to the basics."

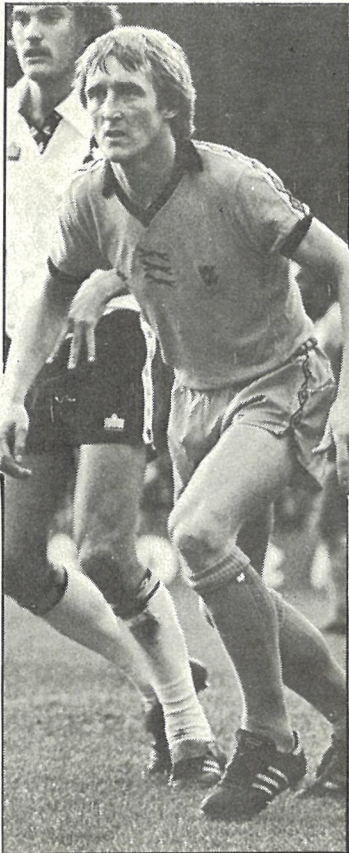
"John Barnwell is very enthusiastic. He can motivate people and make them play. This is his main strength. Richie Barker is the tactician and they complement each other."

"There is this trend in football at the moment where you've got younger managers and coaches coming through. They seem to have some sort of rapport and it seems to be working."

"There's Ron Atkinson and Colin Addison at West Brom. Alan Durban and Howard Kendall at Stoke. If you can get two people thinking alike, as Wolves have, then it's got to be good."

Derek, 31 and born in Newcastle, arrived at Molineux from Huddersfield in February, 1968 for £80,000. At Leeds Road he made 60 appearances and in his 11 years at Wolverhampton has clocked up more than 400 League games.

"Winning the League Cup in 1974 when we beat Manchester City 2-1 has got to be the highlight," he says. "It was also a big thrill to be selected for the England



Under-23's and to play in the Football League side against Scotland in season 70/71."

For obvious reasons, Derek is not the type of person to sing the praises of his own team boss, but agrees several of the players have improved and benefited under the Barnwell-Barker regime.

"Goalkeeper Paul Bradshaw is good and can only get better," he says. "It's the same with left-back Geoff Palmer. He's been recognised at Under-23 level and I can't understand why further honours haven't come his way."

"George Berry had an outstanding season and he's earned his place in the Welsh squad."

"But the whole team has been playing well and you can't, in all honesty, single anybody out for special praise."

What is the aim for Wolves next season? "I never look that far ahead. It's one game at a time for me. I feel good in myself and I think I've a few years left in me."

"If you look after yourself and with a bit of luck stay clear of injuries. Having said that, I broke my nose in the game against Derby, but that won't keep me out. I've broken it a couple of times before and most probably I'll break it a few more times before I finish."

JIM McDONAGH
Bolton



SHOOT!